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WHITEAWAY'S

A FEW NOTES ABOUT THE LUNAR ECLIPSE

THE MOON kept to the "time-table" of last night's eclipse and entered the earth's shadow punctually at 8.20 p.m.
A few minutes later the obscuring shadow crept over the bottom left-hand limb of the moon and it was entirely in the shadow at 11.11 p.m. and theoretically totally eclipsed.
Hongkong, however, saw nothing of the eclipse although it became evident that something was afoot by the blackout.
Clouds completely obscured the moon during the entire period of eclipse, and attempts to witness the proceedings failed.
A "Telegraph" reporter, assigned to "cover" the eclipse, writes: "I didn't see the eclipse. Nobody saw the eclipse. But I don't think it matters. All the Royal Observatory officials and astronomers know exactly what was happening, anyway!"

SHANGHAI CRISIS

JAPAN PRESENTS DEMANDS

TOKYO, May 4. PROPOSALS FOR a drastic revision in the administrative structure of the International Settlement in Shanghai were presented yesterday to the Ambassador of Great Britain and the United States by Mr. Sawada, vice-minister for Foreign Affairs.

In the proposals Japan complains *inter alia*, that the election system to the Shanghai Municipal Council was undemocratic.

He contended that the British monopolised the important offices and tended to act in an "oligarchical" manner.
Mr. Sawada added that essential land regulations must be brought up to date to meet new conditions, and the Municipal Council must be reformed to represent more fairly the various interested nationalities, particularly since Japanese representation be increased.
The British and American Ambassadors are conveying Mr. Sawada's views to their governments.—Reuter.

BOYCOTT OF JAPAN Startling Action By France

PARIS, May 3. The French Government to-day published a decree banning all Japanese imports with the exception of silk and camphor.
The decree will become effective on May 10.—United Press.

Roosevelt To Ignore Speech But Will Strengthen Ties With Britain

WASHINGTON, May 3. ACCORDING TO authoritative quarters, President Roosevelt's only reply to Herr Hitler's speech will be a recommendation to Congress for a new Cash-and-Carry Neutrality Law.
In the event of war, the projected measure would make American arms available to Britain and France, who presumably would pay the necessary cash.
The President, it is stated, has decided against a rebuttal statement to Herr Hitler.
A White House secretary, Mr. Stephen Early remarked: "When you get a situation that seems a little better balanced, why tip the scales."—Reuter.

Defence Bill Signed
Washington, May 3. President Roosevelt to-day signed the \$133,000,000 defence bill.
The total will be immediately available in appropriations and contract authorisations for "critical" defence items for the army, sea and coast defences, and fleet expansions.
Meanwhile the naval committee of the House of Representatives recommended legislation to authorise the expenditure of \$9,000,000 for the complete modernisation of five battleships.—Reuter.



JOHN BARRYMORE

MOVIE THRILLER: PART VIII

SYNOPSIS: John Barrymore, fifty-seven-year-old, four times married actor, believes his fourth wife is jealous of him. He is married to Elaine Barry, 22-year-old, pouty-lipped co-ed who hoped to succeed where three other women failed.
4. They quarrel, start innumerable divorce proceedings, patch it up.
They chase each other across the countryside in efforts at reconciliation. Now read on—
TO-DAY'S instalment of this thrilling serial comes as hot news from a "United Press" correspondent in New York.
Royal Jack to-day asked the New York Supreme Court to give him a legal separation from his dark-eyed wife.
Meanwhile, Barrymore is seeking refuge with his trainer, Ken Kelly. According to reports, he refuses to go back to Elaine on bent knees to promise he will be good, declaring the habits of a lifetime are not going to be subdued to the whims of a school-child.

"Great Lover"

Elaine only recently dropped her own divorce proceedings in which she alleged the middle-aged "great lover" of a number of things, including:
1.—Inhuman conduct and extreme mental cruelty.
2.—Calling her indecent, profane and opprobrious names.
3.—Threatening to kill or maim her; and
4.—Striking her at a party.
In her petition, Elaine asked for temporary alimony. John is already paying \$170 a month to his third wife, Dolores Costello, and undisclosed amounts to the other two—of \$10,000.

Martyrdom

She dropped her air of martyrdom when asked who was to be her next Caliban.
"Don't tell me life is made up of a series of those," she snapped.
In his counter-petition to-day, John seeks an accounting of his \$300,000 fortune held jointly in his and Elaine's names.
He has coupled the names of Elaine's parents in his suit.
(To be continued)

German Airmen Leave Taihoku

TOKYO, May 4.—The German Junkers JU-52 monoplane piloted by Baron von Gablenz, director of the Luftwaffe Aircraft Company, which stayed here overnight, hopped off at 3.08 a.m. for Tokyo to cover the last stage of its flight from Berlin.
The plane will reach Tokyo at 2 p.m.—Domei.

LITVINOFF RETIREMENT CREATES SENSATION

MOSCOW, May 3.

A SENSATION has been created in diplomatic and political circles in London at reports that the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Maxim Litvinoff, has resigned.

The report is confirmed by the official Tass News Agency, which reports that M. Litvinoff has been "released from his post as Foreign Commissar at his own request."

M. Litvinoff will be succeeded by M. V. M. Molotov, President of the Council of Peoples' Commissars.

"Full reasons for the change have not yet been explained," says the "Tass" report.

After the Bolsheviks gained power in 1917, Litvinoff became their unofficial representative in England. One of the most interesting episodes in his career occurred when, a few months later, he was exchanged—almost as a hostage of war—for Bruce Lockhart, the unofficial British representative in Moscow, whom the Bolsheviks had arrested.

When he returned to Moscow, Litvinoff was almost immediately made Foreign Commissar, and has retained the post for over 20 years.

His wife was an Englishwoman, Ivy Low.—United Press.

No Information

Moscow, May 3. Authentic information regarding the reasons and implications of M. Litvinoff's resignation is at present withheld.

The announcement was made in the following form in a Tass communiqué:
"The presidium of the supreme Soviet has appointed the chairman of the Council of Peoples' Commissars, M. Molotov, to be concurrently Commissar for Foreign Affairs, and has released M. Litvinoff, at the latter's request, from his duties."—Reuter.

EXPULSION MANIA

Germany Retaliates Against Britain

BERLIN, May 3. SIX BRITISH subjects resident in Germany have received orders from the German Government to leave.

The expulsions are direct reprisals for the expulsion of six Germans from Great Britain.

The British Embassy has been informed that all the expelled Britons must leave by May 24.

Those expelled are Mr. H. C. Greene, chief correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," a businessman, an engineer, a language teacher, and two directors of companies.

Further Threats

It is made clear that further "unjustifiable" expulsions by Britain would be followed by further German reprisals.

Government circles told the British Embassy that the expulsion of Mr. Greene implied no imputation against his work as a correspondent, or against the policy of the paper, but was merely a reprisal for the expulsion of the London correspondent of the "National Zeitung."—Reuter.

Belgium Joins In

Brussels, May 3. The Belgian Government has expelled a German journalist, who is also head of various German organisations in the country.—Reuter.

Village Wiped Out In Fire

TOKYO, May 4.—Over 110 houses, representing 95 per cent. of the entire village, were completely destroyed up to 9.30 o'clock last night in a disastrous fire which broke out at Hashigami, in Aomori Prefecture at the northern tip of Japan proper.

All efforts were being made to put the raging flames under control.—Domei.



M. LITVINOFF

NO INTERFERENCE BY BRITAIN POLAND MASTER OF OWN DESTINY

LONDON, May 3.

THE BRITISH Government will leave Poland a completely free hand in her dispute with Germany, and will make no attempt to influence the Polish Government's decision as to what is considered "vital Polish interests," according to the Diplomatic Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."—Trans-Ocean.

POLAND'S MIGHT WARSAW, May 3.

With a million troops massed on the German frontier, Poland, to-day celebrated their Constitution Day with elaborate parades and manifestations of national unity.

Crowds along the parade route shouted "Long Live Poland! Down With Aggressors!"

Festivities in the Corridor were especially tense. At Gdynia, the port which almost adjoins Danzig, soldiers and the crowd shouted "We are defending Poland's access to the sea with blood."—United Press.

Rothemere's Warning

London, May 4. Poland's attitude regarding Danzig is regarded here half anxiously, half admiringly.

The British hold the view that Poland is well able to judge its own vital interests in the matter of Danzig and the Corridor.

The Polish Foreign Minister is considered to have a "cool head," hence it is foreseen that his statement on Friday, while being firm and resolute, will be conciliatory.

The press generally deprecates the reports that Poland will demand the protectorate of Danzig, but Lord Rothemere in to-day's "Daily Mail" and "Daily Sketch" editorially warns Poland against "exaggerated claims" and a "truculent attitude."—United Press.

Relations Worse

BERLIN, May 3.—Polish-German relations are worse.
To-day's Berlin press strongly warned Warsaw against rejecting Hitler's demands.—United Press.

Men Retained With Colours

WARSAW, May 3.—A decree by the Polish State President dated April 29 was made known to-day.

It is coming into force immediately, and prolongs the duration of service of officers who have been pensioned or who have retired on leave. Obligation to serve in manoeuvres is now extended from four weeks in two successive years to ten weeks.—Trans-Ocean.

LONDON, May 3.—British acknowledgement of the German note terminating the Anglo-German naval treaty was sent to Berlin yesterday, and it is expected that the Government's observations will follow shortly.—Reuter.

BRITAIN STUDY OF STRENGTH OF SOVIET MACHINE

LONDON, May 3.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT is studying detailed reports of Russia's military strength concurrently with the negotiations to include the Soviet in the anti-aggression bloc.

Such study is aimed, firstly, to assure the British Government that Russia is not over-rating itself when it insists that its own wider proposals should prevail during the present negotiations.

Secondly, so that the British Government may have an answer ready to its many doubting supporters regarding the value of Russia as an ally.

Thirdly, to use figures to persuade Poland and Rumania as to the necessity of including Russia's military might in the anti-aggression front.

Expedite Parleys

Meanwhile, the belief is growing among political circles that a more expedite method of conducting negotiations with Russia must be found to eliminate the cumbersome paper work.

Although the Cabinet meeting at 11 a.m. to-day is expected to approve the latest reply to Russia, it is understood that the reply will only be in the form of further instructions to the British Ambassador in Moscow for his conversations with the Soviet Foreign Minister.

Cabinet Discussion

London, May 3. It is understood that the position of the Anglo-Soviet negotiations was discussed at to-day's Cabinet meeting.

No instructions regarding the British reply to the Soviet proposals have so far been sent to the British Ambassador in Moscow.

It is understood that exchanges of views regarding the negotiations are at present taking place with the French Government.—Reuter.

Counter-Proposals

LONDON, May 3.—The British Cabinet has decided to send counter-proposals to Moscow, designed to bring Russia into the non-aggression pact as soon as France has approved the British reply.

The British proposal includes certain reservations on mutual defence.—United Press.

Another Car Stolen

Yet another case of car-theft from Hongkong streets has been reported to the police.

It involves the car of a Member of the Legislative Council and prominent Hongkong tycoon, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell.

Mr. Dodwell's car was parked outside the Hongkong Club last night, and was stolen some time between 11 p.m. and 11.30 p.m.

A police search was immediately instituted and the car was later recovered in Connaught Road, west of the Harbour Office.

The petrol tank was drained.

FACTS FOR PEACE

Britain Ready To Give Assurances

LONDON, May 3.

IN RESPONSE to Mr. Arthur Henderson's question in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Chamberlain said the British Government would be ready to consider giving "Germany reciprocal assurances of non-aggression."

The Premier denied that Britain has adopted a policy of encircling Germany.

Obviously answering Germany's reasons for denouncing the Anglo-German Naval Agreement, Mr. Chamberlain declared that the British assurances for the protection of Poland in case of attack were not inconsistent with the naval accord.—United Press.

German Offer

BERLIN, May 3. It has been learned from reliable sources that Germany has offered mutual non-aggression pacts to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Estonia and Latvia, apparently aiming at neutralising Germany's entire northern flank in the event of war.

It has been officially announced that Germany has agreed to Sweden.

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LATEST

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In The Commons

CHINA PROMINENT IN SERIES OF QUESTIONS

LONDON, May 3.—Sir Arnold Wilson asked in the House of Commons to-day whether the Chinese Government was building a railway to the Sino-Burmese frontier, and whether the Under-Secretary for Burma could give an assurance that no railway construction in Burma was contemplated, to connect with the Chinese railway, and that no such project would be entertained without the fullest previous public enquiry, and the assent of the Burmese Parliament.

Colonel H. H. Mulholland said he had seen reports that the Chinese Government had already begun preliminary work for a railway from Kunming towards the Burma frontier. The project of a Chinese railway connecting with the Burmese railway system had been contemplated from time to time on many occasions during the last 40 years.

He assured Sir Arnold Wilson that nothing would be done in Burma without due consultation with all the

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DESIGNER ACCUSED OF STEALING BOAT PLANS

Held A "Good Position"

STATED to have held until the day before a "good position" with the British Power Boat Company, Ltd., of Hythe, near Southampton, Walter Whiting Moore, aged 25, design engineer, was charged at Southampton Police Court recently with stealing nine plans, the property of the firm, within the last six months.

When the magistrates granted an application that the accused be remanded Superintendent D. Lucey, for the police, opposed bail.

On being told by the chairman that he would be remanded in custody, Moore observed:

"I don't understand the position. I don't understand what is happening. What does that mean?"

The Clerk: You will be brought before the court again on Friday of next week when this charge will be heard.

Moore: And in the meantime? The Clerk: In the meantime you will remain in custody.

NO MEANS

Moore was about to leave the dock when he turned and asked if he could have legal aid, explaining that he had no means to obtain it.

He was, he said, a single man and his pay with the company was £5 10s a week.

He was told that he must apply for legal aid when he appeared before the court again.

The British Power Boat Company is engaged on important contracts for the Government, including the construction of motor torpedo boats.

Charles Laughton Advises Actors

Mr. Charles Laughton, speaking at the annual dinner of the Critics Circle at the Savoy Hotel recently, said: "Actors to-day must be more vulgar. They must get some of the vitality of the old-time drama and the sex film of to-day into modern drama."

Miss Fay Compton said: "Nowadays first nights seem worse than ever. The stalls are full of bored, apathetic people completely unrepresentative of real theatre-goers. The gallery is full of fans who are intolerant of all but their own favourites."

Mr. Tyrone Guthrie said that once the National Theatre was built it would undoubtedly have to be amalgamated with the Old Vic. There were not enough actors to staff both, or the public to support them.

Grandmother Has First Air Trip At 91

CROYDON AIRPORT, from which scores of her compatriots, fleeing from Nazi rule, have had to be turned away recently, meant security and happiness for ninety-one-year-old Frau Krampfleek.

Flying for the first time in her life, this frail, white-haired great-grandmother came alone from Vienna to join her family in England. She is a Czech Jewess.

Her children in Manchester, fearing for her safety, cabled to her to fly before it was too late. Frau Krampfleek had time to pack only a few belongings into a brown paper parcel, and she travelled in her best black silk coat and a bonnet tied with strings beneath her chin.



Homes Are Worse Than Shanghai Slums

HOUSING conditions that "baffle description" and are "worse than could be found in the native quarter of Shanghai," are indicted in the report of a committee of inquiry into anti-tuberculosis services in Wales and Monmouthshire, published recently.

The report says the high death rate from tuberculosis is largely caused by bad housing. Local councils are accused of apathy, neglect, and even "sheer dereliction of duty."

It is significant, says the report, that the disease is referred to in Wales by the fatalistic name of "Y dical" (The Decline).

The inquiry has been made by two Commissioners, Mr. Clement Davies, K.C., M.P., and Dr. F. J. H. Coult, formerly a tuberculosis expert in the Ministry of Health.

"FAILED AS TRUSTEES"

The report adds: "In fact the councils have failed in their trusteeship as guardians of the health and welfare of the people who elected them."

In a description of the old-fashioned Celtic houses in which many live, it is

stated that their height to the eaves is about 8ft. The house is divided into two rooms by a thin partition, one a living room and one the sleeping chamber.

In order to provide further sleeping accommodation, boards are put across from wall to wall above the sleeping chamber. This room is called a "grogloft," and the height at the apex varies from about 5ft. to 6ft. and tapers down to nothing.

"Nothing can be done to make these houses habitable or even sanitary. The only thing to be done with them is to pull them down, and pull them down as soon as possible."

The Commissioners summarise their opinions of individual counties and county boroughs. Some of their comments are:

Anglesey: The record with regard to tuberculosis is an unenviable one, but, considering the housing conditions, it is not surprising. In many parts of the county they remain indescribably bad.

At Llangefti we measured one house; the living room was 11ft. by 7ft. by 8ft., and contained two double beds.

10 HOUSE

In that house, up to March 1938, ten persons had lived—a man, two women, and seven children.

We are of opinion that Dr. Emrys Jones (the tuberculosis officer) did not overstate the condition of the house when he said:

"I think you will agree that the overcrowding in that house was worse than anything one could find in the native quarter of Shanghai."

Caernarvonshire: Has the highest tuberculosis mortality rate among all the counties of England and Wales. Houses in Llanberis in some instances are so wet that the walls cannot be papered.

Cardiganshire: In Llandovery there is one street where there is a row of houses all condemned. They are all inhabited. As soon as one person dies, or goes out of the house, another one goes in.

Merioneth: We have come to the conclusion that the authorities in this county have been guilty of serious dereliction of duty.

Different than the silent, greeting to Chancellor Hitler in Prague was the eager, enthusiastic welcome given Der Fuehrer when he arrived in Memel, to take over the Baltic seaport. This picture shows Memellanders eagerly waiting to catch a glimpse of Hitler.

'Swimmer' Of 18 Months In Show

MISS HILLARY MAVIS WAND, of Ilford, is just eighteen months old, thirty inches tall, and a member of the Daily Ducklings Swimming Club.

When her brother joined, Hillary went to watch and soon made it plain that she was going in, too.

She had her first bath in February. In about six lessons she has learned to jump confidently into the water, to float, to do the breast arm stroke to order, and to kick vigorously with her feet.

She recently appeared in her club's spring display in aid of Ilford Social Service funds. This was opened by four-year-old Cyril England, who can swim a quarter of a mile, and turn somersaults and handstands in the water.

Scientists Smash "S" Plan of I. R. A. Terrorists

Science has been greatly responsible for finally breaking the back of the "S" Plan of the Irish Republican Army terrorists for sabotage in Great Britain.

For three months Dr. Roche Lynch, the Home Office analyst, has been examining all kinds of articles for traces of explosives, acids.

On a cap he found traces of aluminium powder. The spectra were generally visible. But Dr. Lynch examined them under his strong lens, identified them.

A drawer of a chest-of-drawers was an exhibit at the Old Bailey. Woodwork was stained. So were small articles found in the drawer. In the analyst's laboratory those

EMPIRE NEWS

MACHINE GUNS FOR COMMANDOS

CAPE TOWN. The conference of commandants and honorary colonels of South Africa's burgher commandos, which has been sitting at Cape Town, recently unanimously decided in favour of the modernisation of commando forces.

The proposal that machine-guns should be issued to each commando and that 50 picked young men in each should be given a thorough military training was received with remarkable enthusiasm. The result will be a considerable strengthening of the Union's defence forces.

The commandants, many with flowing beards, were yesterday entertained by the Prime Minister, Gen. Hertzog, at Groenecentrum.

Sir J. Maffey's Visit.—Sir John Maffey, director of Imperial Airways, who arrived at Cape Town recently stayed at Government House. He will confer with Mr. Pirow, Minister of Defence, and other members of the Cabinet this week on the development of commercial flying in Central Africa.

Surplus Expected.—The "Cape Argus" states that instead of a deficit of £100,000, which the Minister of Finance budgeted for last August, Mr. Havenga will probably be able to announce when he introduces the Budget, a surplus of more than £1,500,000.

KENYA

COMMITTEE REPORT ON INCOME-TAX

NAIROBI. The Kenya Standing Finance Committee reports as follows on the incidence of income-tax.

"We believe the facts of the matter to be that there is no widespread dissatisfaction with income-tax in Kenya, and we are unable to see that any useful purpose would be served by prolonging the present inquiries. "We do not wish to imply that this report is the last word on the subject. On the contrary, we believe that when the Colony has had more experience of the operation of the tax it will prove desirable that further investigation should be made."

INDIA

CONGRESS SUPPORT FOR MR. GANDHI

TRIPURI. The plenary session of the Indian National Congress recently passed Pandit Pant's resolution expressing confidence in Mr. Gandhi by an overwhelming majority.

The vote was taken on a show of hands amid shouts of "Victory for Gandhi."

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, the Leftist President of Congress, whose policy is opposed to that of Mr. Gandhi, commenting on Pandit Pant's resolution, stated to-day that the programme, which he had fought his presidential election was not challenged in the plenary session, and that therefore no occasion had arisen for his resignation.

Congress also passed a resolution expressing "India's national demand for self-determination."



AISLE AND FAREWELL

"So the condemned man ate a hearty breakfast?"

"Oddly enough he did—in spite of last night's stag party. All set now for the orange blossoms."

"And the little head?"

"Ticking over beautifully old boy. Cool as a frame-full of cucumber. Am I becoming a saturated solution—or is it just the influence of a good woman?"

"Your ignorance of the facts of life, Edmond, is little short of monumental. Remember the long drought of Rose's Lime Juice I made you drink before retiring? Pause and consider, Edmond—

knowing me as you do—was that pure altruism?"

"I've never known you do an unselfish act in your life old boy."

"Right. My only concern was to save myself trouble and get you to the church in such condition that you could both speak audibly and walk unaided. With the help of Rose's Lime Juice I have succeeded. Listen carefully, Edmond, while I explain the chemical action of Rose's—"

"I say—look! Quarter to eleven! Where's the ring? Where's my hat? Is the car ready? Is my tie all right?—Hurry up, hurry up! Where's my—oh, here it is—QUICK!"

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Bo'sun Behind With Homework:

SEA WAS TOO ROUGH

*The bo'sun a sorry man is he,
He couldn't do his homework
Because of the stormy sea.*

SOMEWHERE OFF the west coast of South America was that unhappy sailor when he sent his sincere letter of apology to his school—the College of the Sea, in Endsleigh Street, W.C. The sea had been too rough for writing.

[Parents of small boys who see in this a new idea should emphasise that it can be very, very rough at sea and that homework might be the lesser of the two evils.]

The newly-founded college is receiving "homework" from ports all over the world—from Halifax (Nova Scotia) to Durban, and Vancouver to Suez.

Among the batch which arrived recently were essays on "Life in a Portuguese House," solutions of problems in geometry by a deck boy of 18, and French exercises from a cellist in a ship's band.

"A ship is the one quiet spot where a fellow can work with his brain today," explained a wireless operator on a tanker, who aims to get a degree in classics.

BRIDGE STUDENTS

The most popular courses promise to be short-story and novel writing, philosophy, foreign languages, astronomy and painting.

Spanish is much in demand. In one ship six men are learning it.

Among those who have inquired for instruction are captains, firemen, saloon boys, radio officers, stewards, A.B.s, engineers, carpenters and pursers.

The name of every boy who signs on for his first voyage at a United Kingdom port is now being sent to the College, and it is proposed to invite each one to enter.

Founded late last year by Dr. Albert Mansbridge, the College of the Sea is in its first term.

FAMOUS TUTORS

For students it will draw on the 6,500 ships of the British merchant marine "somewhere at sea," and for its teachers on the voluntary service of the finest brains in the country—famous professors and tutors from all the universities, directors of museums

and scientific units, and heads of art schools.

"Because of the appeal which the sea makes to British peoples," Dr. Mansbridge said, "we shall soon have tutor-advisers of the first rank in all the ports."

"The wealth of culture available to sailors will be without precedent."

Film Of British Air Raid Defences

Striking glimpses of Britain's defences against air attack are given in "The Warning," a new short film which was recently shown at the Regal Cinema, Marble Arch.

It showed high-speed fighters going up against enemy bombers, anti-aircraft guns, ashore and afloat, in action, and the complex A.R.P. organisation reporting raids and the extent of damage, caring for wounded and fighting fires.

The producers, British National Films, have undertaken that any profits arising from its distribution in Britain by the Associated British Picture Corporation shall go to Service charities. It is also to be shown at the World Fair in New York.

The film was made with the wholehearted co-operation of the Government, and the latest arms of all branches of the Services have been used for the sake of authenticity.

Libby Holman Married

Libby Holman, American torch singer who shared the Reynolds tobacco millions, has been secretly married in Washington to Ralph Holmes, twenty-three-year-old actor.

Libby has been picture-news since her husband, Zachary Smith Reynolds, millionaire playboy, was shot in 1932. At one time it was suggested that she would marry Jack Doyle, boxer-singer. But Libby (and Jack) said no.



Claude G. Bowers, American Ambassador to Spain chats with newsmen following a conference with State Department officials in Washington. He was called home recently to confer on questions pertaining to the recognition of the Franco regime by the United States.

DANCER'S BLACK EYE

Judge Looks At It, Gives Her £40

MISS IRENE BARDEN, a cabaret artist, of Carlton Mansions, S.W., who received a black eye in a road crash, was at Westminster County Court recently awarded £40 damages.

She had claimed £100 from Ronald Hugh Charles Pearce, Sherwood Way, West Wickham, Kent, and Taxi-Cabs (London), Ltd., Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush.

Miss Barden was a passenger in a taxi involved in a collision with Mr. Pearce's car in Park Lane last November.

CASINO DANCER

During the case Judge Dumas asked: "Do cabaret artists perform during the daytime or do they come out only after dark?"

The Hon. Quilfin Hogg (for Miss Barden): My experience is that they perform at night.

Miss Barden said that on November 20 she obtained an engagement in the Folies Superbe at the London Casino as a dancer at £5 a week, and to supplement her earnings she accepted film, photographic, model and mannequin work.

Judge: All of which comes under the heading of "very nice work if you can get it."

Miss Barden added that she was in a nursing home for ten days.

After looking at Miss Barden's eye, the judge said: "Are you innocent of make-up?"

Miss Barden: Well, I powder, of course.

Judge: I have heard of coloured lines under ladies' eyes that are not the result of a bruise. Is that black line under your eye entirely the result of a bruise, or is it something else?—It is entirely due to the accident.

"THIRST" FOR KNOWLEDGE

While Miss Barden was being cross-examined, the judge commented, "I am thirsting for more information about cabaret artists. Do they after the performance have to come on the floor and dance with customers?"

Mr. E. Ryder Richardson (for Mr. Pearce): No, if they did there would be no reason for the places closing down.

Mr. Hogg: Mr. Richardson knows more about them than I do.

Mr. Peter Francis Stern, a passenger in the taxi, said that the force of the collision swung him off his seat on to Miss Barden's lap. After the accident they all went to a chemist's, and then had a drink.

"BLACK-EYED SUSAN"

Mr. Hogg said that Miss Barden alleged that after the accident she was so distressed that she had to be put in the second row of the cabaret.

Judge Dumas: I should have thought the cabaret might have preferred a less Black-Eyed Susan.

Awarding Miss Barden £40 damages (£20 special damages and £20 general damages) with costs against both defendants, Judge Dumas said: "Judging by modern standards, the lady may be considered highly attractive—although artificial."

He had looked at the line under her eye and failed to see any disfigurement now.

De Havilland's First Jump

MR. Geoffrey de Havilland, chief test pilot of the de Havilland Aircraft Company, of Hatfield, and Mr. John Cunningham, another test pilot, escaped by parachute before an airplane which they were testing crashed at Wheathampstead, Herts, recently.

The aircraft was a two-seater monoplane of a new type which had not been tested before.

A friend of Mr. de Havilland said that when the aircraft got into difficulties Mr. Cunningham and Mr. de Havilland discussed whether they should leap or not. Mr. Cunningham jumped at 3,000ft. and Mr. de Havilland soon afterwards.

It was Mr. de Havilland's first parachute jump.

The airplane passed quite close to Mr. Cunningham as it hurtled to the ground. It hit a tree, crashed through a fence and burst into flames within 200 yards of a farmer's house. Debris was scattered over a wide area.

LANDED A MILE APART

The two men landed in fields about a mile apart.

They went back to Hatfield, and had lunch. Mr. de Havilland was in the air again in another aircraft within an hour and a half.

Mr. Geoffrey de Havilland, son of Captain Geoffrey de Havilland, the airplane engine designer, is 29 years old. He has had a number of escapes while testing aircraft.

In August last year he was piloting an air liner when the fuselage broke after a landing. The nose of the machine tilted in the air and the tail fell to the ground. Mr. de Havilland was not hurt.

A few weeks before he had to land another air liner on the wings, the retractable undercarriage having jammed in the "up" position.

Beggar Hides Clothes

San Francisco. Thomas Welch, 35, ragged beggar, was found to possess secret lodgings, where \$500 was cached, \$125 on his person and a very sumptuous wardrobe. He distinguished between the latter and the ragged costume he was wearing by explaining that the latter was his "working clothes."

Radio By 'Phone Is Defence Move

RADIO programmes by telephone will be made available by the Government shortly.

The purpose is national defence security. Major Tryon, the Postmaster-General, announced recently that the Government had decided to develop the broadcasting service both by relay companies and by P. O. service on telephone lines connected to receiving sets.

The P. O. telephone-radio service will give a choice of three programmes, including National and Regional, by pressing a button at the side of the telephone.

A subscriber will be able to use his telephone simultaneously with the reception of radio programmes. It is hoped to start the service this year in a few districts and extend it later.

START THIS YEAR

Major Tryon told the House of Commons that relay services were required in times of emergency to transmit any special announcement ordered by the local A.R.P. or police authorities.

Although it is intended to continue radio broadcasting in event of war, the ordinary radio services would be liable to interference or interruption from which the wired service would be immune.

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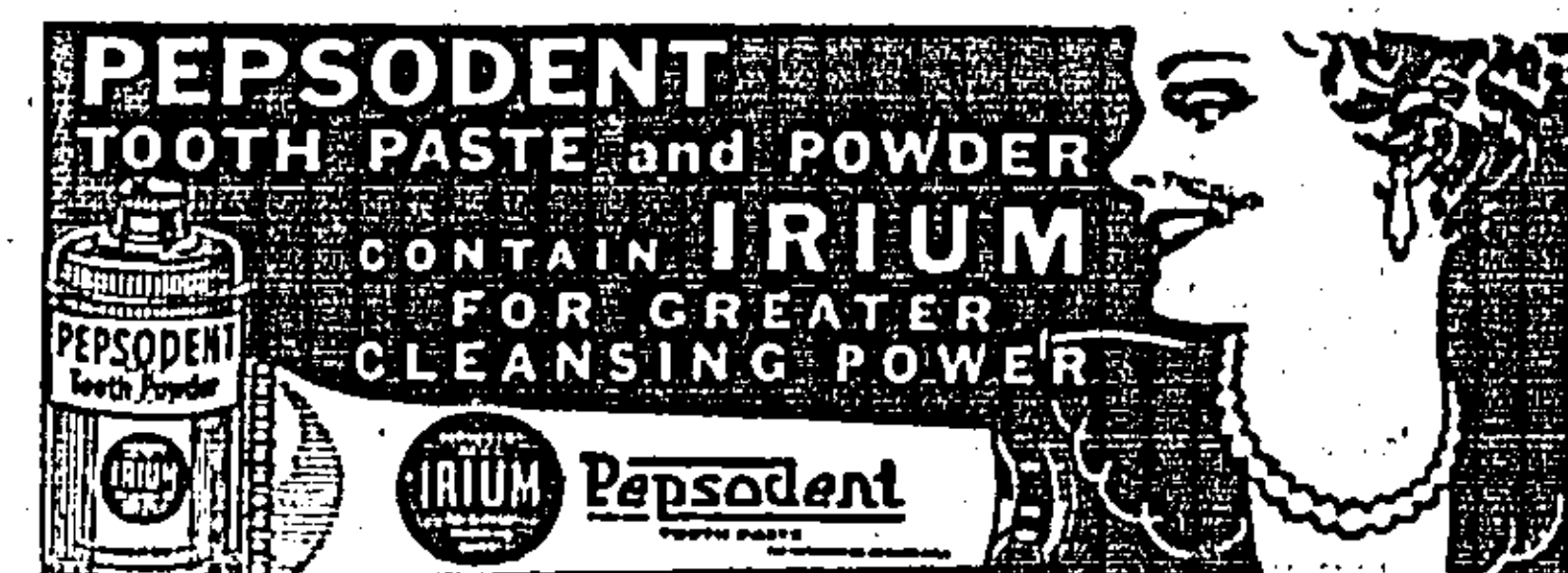
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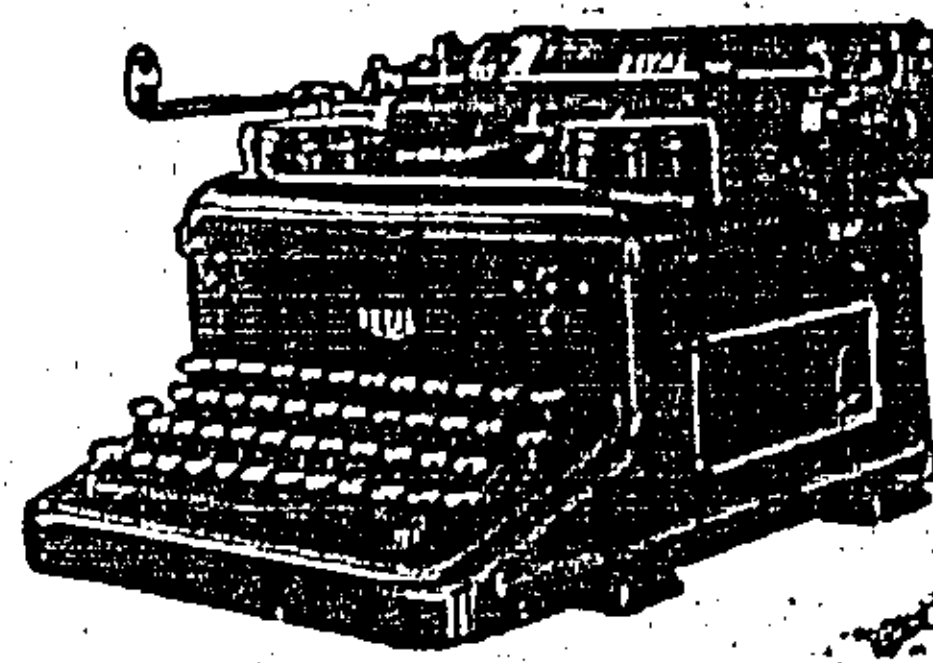
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CHINA PROMINENT IN SERIES OF QUESTIONS

(Continued from Page 1.)

Interests in Burma concerned.—Reuter.

Dredging in Whangpoo

London, May 3. Questioned in the House of Commons to-day whether the Whangpoo Conservancy had yet been allowed to resume dredging in the approach to Shanghai, Mr. R. A. Butler replied in the negative, adding that negotiations with the Japanese authorities in Shanghai were being actively pursued, and he hoped that an agreement might be reached shortly.

Sir John Wadlow-Milne asked whether, in view of the fact that negotiations had been going on for a long time, and that the Board's work was of international importance for the shipping of all nations, would the Minister consider trying again. Mr. Butler replied that Viscount Halifax was aware of the value to the Board's work, and added: "I hope to be able to give a more hopeful answer as a result of the negotiations which are now proceeding."—Reuter.

Hankow Blockade

London, May 3. Commander A. Marsden asked in the House of Commons to-day if the Prime Minister could state the result of the enquiries into the complaint that a British company in Shanghai had been refused permission by the Japanese authorities for four of their British employees to go to Hankow, although two American employees of the company had been allowed to proceed.

Mr. R. A. Butler agreed that the facts were as stated, and added that it appears, however, that in a similar case about the same time, discrimination was exercised in favour of a British subject.

Tientsin Blockade

Asked by Mr. Hannah whether the Prime Minister had been able to secure the removal of the barricades around the British concession in Tientsin, and how far he had been able to secure restoration of normal conditions, Mr. Butler replied that the position remained as stated on April 3. All possible steps were being taken to secure the restoration of normal conditions.—Reuter.

PACTS FOR PEACE

(Continued from Page 1.)

and Finland fortifying the Aaland Islands provided Sweden and Finland maintain absolute neutrality in the event of war. It is assumed that this is aimed to prevent Russia from seizing and using the islands as a naval submarine or air base against Germany.

However, if the non-aggression pacts with the Baltic and Scandinavian countries are concluded, it means that Germany herself will have renounced any possibility of seizing the Aalands for use as a base against Russia.

Observers here regard these actions as being designed to quarantine the entire Baltic in the event of war, enabling the German fleet freedom to operate there without fear of possible attack.—United Press.

Finland And Sweden

HELSINGFORS, May 3.—The Finnish Foreign Office has commenced discussions with Sweden regarding consideration of the proposal for a joint agreement between the two countries.

An official communiqué is expected in about two days.—United Press.

Nordic's Reply

COPENHAGEN, May 3.—The Swedish, Norwegian, Danish and Finnish foreign ministers have agreed to meet at Stockholm next Tuesday to frame a joint reply to Hitler's proposal for a non-aggression pact.—United Press.

LING YING SCHOOL

First Annual Athletic Meeting Held

The first annual athletic meet of the Ling Ying Middle School, Causeway Bay, was held at the Caroline Hill Stadium yesterday before a large attendance. The sports were originally to have been held last Saturday, but had to be postponed on account of heavy rain.

The headmaster, Mr. Huang Kwong, was in charge of the meet. Prior to the commencement, the school band led the 700 students in a parade around the ground.

The interval, the kindergarten classes entertained the large crowd with songs. Part of the meet was filmed by the Shing Kam Motion Picture Company.

Wong Sau-san was the most suc-

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

POSITION VACANT

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER required by THE SINGAPORE HARBOUR BOARD. Salary Dollars One thousand two hundred (\$1,200) a month for the first year, Dollars One thousand three hundred (\$1,300) a month for the second year, and Dollars One thousand four hundred (\$1,400) a month for the third year. The exchange value of the Dollar is at present fixed by the Government at 2s 4d. Free first class passage for the Officer appointed and if married for wife and children up to six years of age. Agreement for three years on the Board's usual terms, terminable at any time within that period at six months' notice on either side. The Board has a Provident Fund to which the officer must subscribe. Free unfurnished house will be provided. The Board carry on, under the Ports Ordinance, an extensive business as Wharfingers and Warehousemen, the net registered tonnage of ships berthed at the Board's wharves for the year ended 30th June, 1938 was 9,756,410 tons and the grand total tonnage of General Cargo, Coal and Fuel Oil inwards and outwards for the same period was 3,384,003 tons. In addition the Board operates five Graving Docks, ranging from 396 feet to 896 feet in length, together with a ship repairing business. The workshops attached to the Graving Docks are capable of executing the heaviest ship repairs. Candidates should be between 32 and 40 years of age, have first rate technical experience, have handled a large staff and labour force, and have had considerable executive experience, and should possess pronounced business and organising abilities. Applications are to be addressed to the Chairman, The Singapore Harbour Board.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Fifty-Eighth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 18th May, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 4th May to the 18th May, 1939, both days inclusive.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th May to the 8th June, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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Hongkong, 25th April, 1939.

BIRDS STORE OLIVES

Bangor, Cul. This year's crop of woodpeckers and robins are robbing the olive orchards and storing the olives in holes in fence posts. Olives, when dry, lose their bitterness, and become highly edible.

The results of the principal events were:
Boys' 100 Metres (Senior).—Wong Sau-san. Time: 11.9 secs.
Boys' 100 Metres (Junior).—Wong Ying-ling. Time: 12.5 secs.
Boys' Shot Put.—Wong Chun-buen. Distance: 10.5 metres.
Girls' 50 Metres.—Miss Kan Yuk-ki. Time: 7.2 secs.
Boys' High Jump.—Tong Tak-ming. Height: 1.8 metres.
Boys' 200 Metres.—Yeung Kai-yeo. Time: 20.5 secs.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of May, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Stanley, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years. Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet.	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
Lot No. 21	North West of Rural Building Lot No. 392, Island Road, Stanley.	N. 66° E. 100 feet. S. 66° W. 100 feet. E. 100 feet. W. 100 feet.	40,000	\$200	\$5,500
		as per sale plan.			

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of May, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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Lot No. 5503	West of and adjoining Island Lot No. 5885, Blue Pool Road, Wong Nei Chung.	N. 66° E. 100 feet. S. 66° W. 100 feet. E. 100 feet. W. 100 feet.	37,660	\$200	\$13,500
		as per sale plan.			

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, May 3.

	New York Cotton	Closing
May	8.46 7/8	8.51 1/2
July	8.21 1/2	8.24 1/2
Oct.	7.74 1/4	7.75 1/2
Dec.	7.57 1/2	7.58 1/2
Jan.	7.54 1/2	7.55 1/2
Mar.	7.48 1/4	7.53 1/2
Spot		0.24 N

	New York Rubber	
May	15.00b/05a	15.05 N
July	15.05b/10.00a	16.07b/08a
Sept.	15.07 1/2	16.10 1/2
Dec.	15.07 1/2	16.10 1/2
Mar.	15.08b/10.00a	16.15 N
	To-day's Sales:—1,750 tons.	

	Chicago Wheat	
May	74 1/2/74 3/4	
July	72 1/2/72 3/4	
Sept.	73 1/2/73 3/4	
	Tuesday's Sales:—	
	20,203,000 bushels	

	Chicago Corn	
May	50 1/2/50 3/4	48 1/2/48 3/4
July	51 1/2/51 3/4	50 1/2/50 3/4
Sept.	51 1/2/51 3/4	51 1/2/51 3/4
	Winnipeg Wheat	
May	65 1/2/65 3/4	64 1/2/64 3/4
July	65 1/2/65 3/4	65 1/2/65 3/4
Oct.	66 1/2/66 3/4	66 1/2/66 3/4

£8,000,000 GOES IN THE WATER

KINGS, statesmen, and military leaders of the world take their eyes from the skies for a moment and look down to the seas.

Hitler launches the Bismarck. Hitler digs deeper the Kiel Canal. Hitler's Press boasts of Nazi Germany taking her place among the great sea powers.

In London our naval chiefs call at No. 10, Downing-street to talk with the Prime Minister. And more naval news breaks as £8,000,000 worth of steel, skill, thought, and labour slide from the slipway into the dark waters at Birkenhead.

Yesterday the Princess Royal launched the silver-grey hull of the Prince of Wales, second battleship built for the Royal Navy under the new programme.

When it was given out not so long ago in a semi-official German naval handbook that she would mount her guns in groups of four, and other details, there was a hubbub in the House of Commons.

Members wanted to know why the Germans could print "secrets" when information was kept from the people of this country. As usual, there was not much information coming from the Admiralty, for the gentlemen there, no doubt rightly, are never eloquent. A very silent service.

WELL, what do we know about this new giant of the seas? The one certain thing you can say about her is that she is of 35,000 tons, and when you have said that you must rely for further information on the speculation of naval experts.

Now as for her guns. Probably she will have ten or twelve 14in. guns arranged in groups of four. Don't listen to the foolish who want to know why she hasn't got 16in. guns. Size is not the essence of strength.

She will carry 6in. guns, too.

What excites the naval man is the nature of the new battleship's anti-aircraft weapons, and they are the big secret.

The Prince of Wales is well protected by a recently discovered armour-plating, able to resist, it is argued, the new type of shell which travels a mile after penetrating normal armour-plating.

That's the sort of shell, weighing 1,500lb., the battleship herself will fire.

Hidden away in the mass of steel that makes her a hanger for planes to be catapulted from her decks for directing gunfire.

Then the guess is that the Prince of Wales is designed for trimming down when she is going into action—which means flooding the water ballast tanks to sink the ship deeper for the protection of her sides, and to show a smaller target to the enemy.

Most vital secret of the Prince of Wales will be her speed. You may take it she is likely to be capable of considerably more than the 30 knots officially given out as her maximum.

NOW across the North Sea there is the machine-gun-like tattoo of riveters, the clang of hammers, as two German battleships are being got ready to join the Bismarck.

At Kiel the Germans are doubling the width of the Canal, increasing the height of the bridges, to take the big ships.

The United States prepares to fortify new bases in the Pacific.

So it is throughout the world, digging in the harbours, building in the shipyards. Building, building, building.

The world knows what every country is doing, except Japan. From there come rumours of new fortifications, bigger-than-ever capital ships.

Look there for the big question mark in the world's naval activity.

Girls Buy 'Glamour' On Way To Dances

Recently Ronald Curtis, 36-year-old make-up expert for a Hollywood studio, was earning £100 a week giving glamour to the stars.

Now he is giving glamour to typists and shop-girls in a modest beauty parlour in Brixton, London—all for 2s. a time.

His change of fortune is due to the wave of unemployment that has struck Hollywood. Like thousands of stars, technicians and extras, he found himself out of a job overnight.

All he had was a small sum of money and a Rolls Royce.

NEW MAKE-UP SECRET

He decided to hang on to the Rolls—symbol of his better days—and

open a beauty parlour with his small capital.

And so the man who used to make-up Fay Wray, Genevieve Tobin, Valerie Hobson and Diana Churchill, now lavishes his skill on girls on their way to the local dance. "Don't think I'm unhappy," he said, "I'm still using my talents to the best of my ability."

COLLISION TOLL

Washington. Deaths from motor vehicle collisions with fixed objects have increased more rapidly than any other type of motor vehicle fatality—24 per cent from 1927 to 1937—the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads reports.

Loyal Address To The King Parliament And Canadian Tour

LONDON, May 3.

THE HOUSE OF Lords to-day gave unanimous approval of the motion moved by Lord Stanhope that an address be presented to the King on the occasion of his departure to Canada and the United States, conveying assurances of the loyal affection of the House, and the deep interest with which it will follow the progress of Their Majesties during their absence.

Lord Stanhope described the motion as unprecedented in the annals of the House of Lords. He added, that the action, however, was unprecedented because he believed it was the first time a reigning sovereign had visited a self-governing Dominion.

Labour Admiration

Lord Snell, leader of the Labour Opposition, in supporting the motion said that as His Majesty sets out upon his journey, full of promise and significance, we wish him to know that he can feel he takes with him the grateful admiration of all his people (cheers).

Lord Samuel, in the absence of Lord Crewe, said that throughout this long there was a deep feeling, not only of friendship, but of affection towards the people of the United States.

Moving a similar address in the House of Commons, the Prime Minister said that Their Majesties' journey would give immense pleasure and satisfaction to their subjects in Canada, and would further cement the ties of the Empire.

Common Ties

"The relations between ourselves and the people of the United States have long been of a special character on account of a common language, ideals and traditions, and we may be sure that the visit of Their Majesties will be warmly welcomed in the great republic across the Atlantic."

Mr. Clement Attlee, on behalf of the Labour Party, supported the motion, remarking that in these days anything that could be done, should be done to unite the great democracies of the West to the people of the country and the other peoples of the British Commonwealth.

Sir Archibald Sinclair said that in opening the New York World Fair, President Roosevelt had said that the American people hitched their wagon to the star of goodwill and peace. It was striking proof of the sincerity with which the British public shared those ideals, that at a time when our minds were so gravely preoccupied with dangers nearer at home, Their Majesties should be leaving these shores on a mission of goodwill and understanding to the peoples of the West.

The motion was carried nem con.—Reuter.

"Piggs" Become Paiges

Seattle. Mr. and Mrs. Butler R. Paige and their three sons haven't had their surname long. Recently the King county superior court permitted them to change the last name, because it caused "inconvenience in the social and public relations of all members of the family." The old name was Pigg.

EMPIRE NEWS

ARABS & INDIANS IN KENYA PROTEST

MOMBASA.

For the first time in Kenya history Arabs are uniting with Indians politically. They met recently to protest against the Order in Council forbidding Indians to hold land in the Highlands.

The repeal of the Order in Council, which came into effect on March 1, is the object of the newly formed Indian Highlands League.

In a letter to the Mombasa Press Mr. A. B. Pater, the chief promoter of the League, says:

"The League seeks the active co-operation of every man and woman—whether European, Indian, Arab or African—who desires to see amicable relations in the Empire. The significance of this lies in the reference to Europeans. Previous campaigns against the 'White Highlands' policy have found the Indians solidly in one camp and the Europeans equally solidly in the other.

Indian leaders are well aware that many Europeans have revised their original attitude in regard to this 'Europeans only' policy for the Highlands. It has been felt among thinking whites for some time now that it is a travesty of the British policy of 'equality for all' to exclude Indian British subjects from the Highlands of Kenya, and welcome Germans, Italians and others who are potential enemies of the Empire.

The first conference of all Arabs from Kenya, Uganda, Zanzibar and Tanganyika is to be held at Nairobi next week.

RAILWAY GAUGES PROBLEM

SYDNEY.

For many years Australia has been perturbed by the railway problem of differing gauges in the different States. There are three gauges in use, 3ft 6in in Victoria, 4ft 6in in New South Wales and on the Transcontinental Line, and a metre gauge in Western Australia, Queensland, and Tasmania.

Several devices have from time to time been tried for attachments to coaches which will enable them to be adjusted to run on more than one gauge.

The New South Wales Parliament has now appointed a select committee to investigate an invention by Mr. John Boock, a Dane, who has been living in Australia for 35 years and has been engaged in railway construction work for many years.

Movements of Aliens.—To supervise more closely the movement of foreign migrants in Australia, the Federal Government has decided to appoint a senior migration officer as a special inspector. He will travel all over Australia, and will report regularly on the movement of foreigners and particularly on any tendency to form foreign communities.

Tariff Board Reform.—Speaking at the Easter show luncheon this afternoon at Sydney, Sir Earle Page, Federal Minister of Commerce, announced that the Tariff Board was to be enlarged and divided into two parts, one to carry out its ordinary work and the other to examine possible industries and lay down conditions necessary for their establishment and encouragement. A first-class man was to be appointed to advise the Government on supply and development.

CANADA

FLAG FACTORIES HARD AT WORK

OTTAWA.

Flag factories in Canada the working at capacity in preparation for the Royal visit in May and June. Millions of yards of bunting are being transformed into Union Jacks. Decorations of every kind are being turned out. Wool bunting is largely imported from England.

Two of the largest flag factories are situated in Ottawa. They report that orders are pouring in from every part of the country.

Orders from Western Canada are particularly heavy, schools being among the heaviest purchasers. Municipalities are ordering large flags, some 50ft by 24ft.

NEW ZEALAND

ROAD TRANSPORT IN AN EMERGENCY

WELLINGTON, N.Z. "It is the intention of the Government to investigate the organization of road transport in New Zealand to ensure efficient functioning in time of emergency." Mr. R. Semple, the Transport Minister, announced recently.

Mr. Semple said that New Zealand, which was the world's second most highly motorised country, possessed sufficient passenger motor vehicles to carry at one time the entire population of the country.

Trace Of Early Man Found

Lincoln, Neb. Fossilized bones of early man in Nebraska—a human jaw believed to be 25,000 years old is now in the hands of Dr. Bertrand Schultz, assistant director of the University of Nebraska museum. The find was made near Brady in one of the Tri-county public power district's large canals.

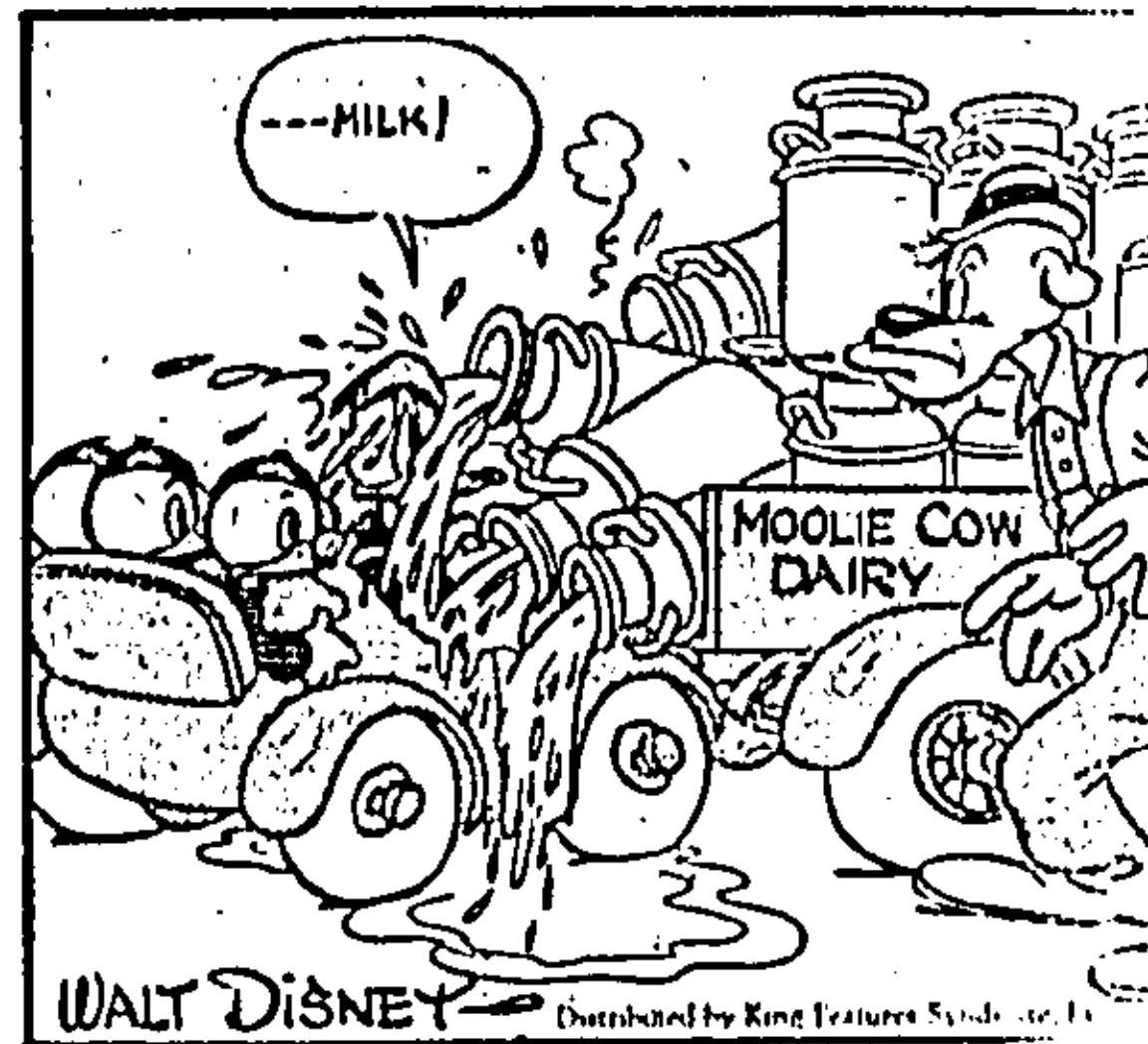


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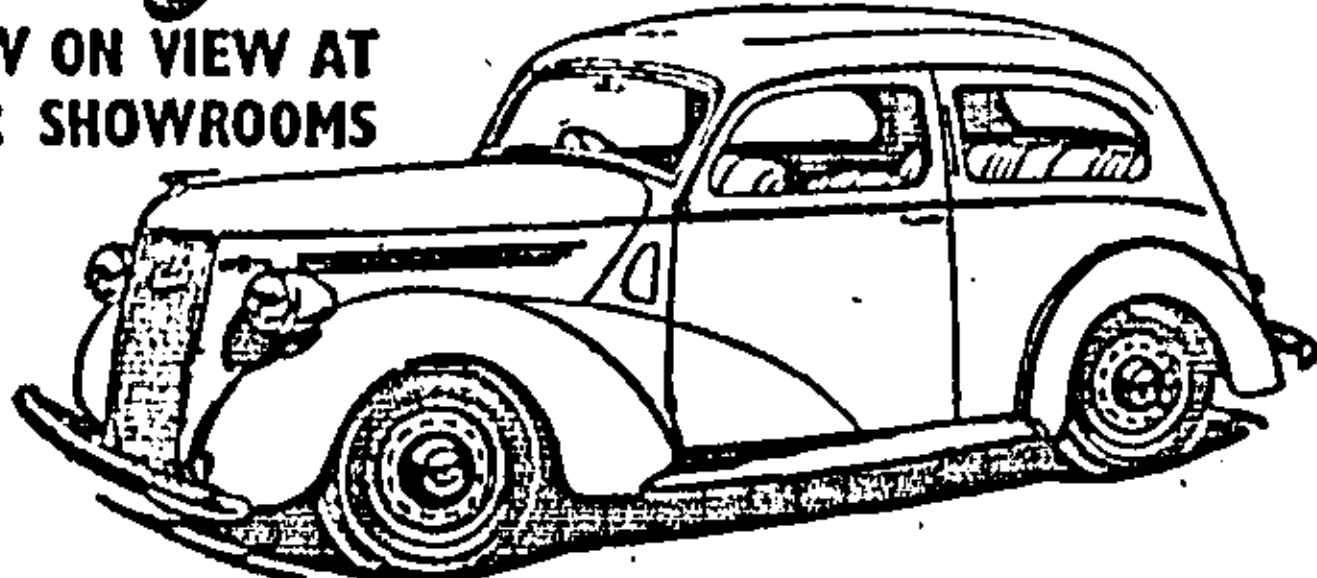
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The Fifth Column

IN ALL the welter of crises and
hell-firing threats in Europe one
of the most cheering signs of the
times is the increasing evidence of
dissatisfaction inside Germany and
Italy with the aggressive policies
pursued by their Governments. To
those who feel inclined to drink
hemlock after reading of recent
events we would draw attention to
the testimony of a copy of the
"Times" just to hand via Siberia
that there is much uneasiness in
Italy, and of the "Manchester Guardian"
that there is growing unrest
in Germany.

Many people fall into the error of
thinking of the German or the
Italian people as Robots, identified
closely with their Governments and
following blindly every command of
their leaders. While it is true that
in these dictatorships thought and
action are regimented "as never before
in human history, there is
abundant evidence that under these
iron controls the spirit of protest is
increasingly active.

The "Times" Correspondent in
Rome comments: "Even Fascists are
asking when the country is going to
be allowed a little peace and quiet.
That famous fire-breather, Signor
Farinacci, issues a trumpet call to
these weak brethren—the whiners. In
the party. 'Our young men,' he
says, 'wish to live in a state of
spiritual mobilisation from the first
to the last day of the year, with but
a single hope, that of being called
on to fight.' The very vehemence of
this rhetoric leads one to suspect the
extent of the revolt against the
doctrine of eternal agitation."

The "Manchester Guardian," in a
long article, bears testimony to the
every-growing malaise in Germany,
with the spirit of moral resistance to
the regime stronger than it has ever
been before.

If, therefore, we attempt to fore-
cast Europe's future from the char-
acter of its most powerful Govern-
ments, then the horoscope would be
gloomy indeed. But we can avoid
accepting this fatalistic conclusion
that war is inevitable if we remem-
ber the ever-widening gulfs between
the dictators and their peoples.

Great nations and great peoples
cannot be cowed forever by the
knout and the blackjack. The time
spirit and the innate decency of
human nature are in league against
the dictators. The greatest common
denominator of the European peoples
to-day is an immense yearning for
peace.

We do not subscribe to the belief
that war in Europe is inevitable.
We believe that the will of the Ger-
man and Italian people is not re-
presented by the lust for conquest
that has gripped their leaders and
that, if war does come, the German
and Italian military machines will
have as many powerful enemies be-
hind their lines as they will in front.

Dictators Rule The FREE CITY



GREISER
Goering's Uniforms
his ambition

WHILST some large
States must be
(poor things) satis-
fied with one dictator, the
Free City of Danzig has
two. One is Arthur
Greiser, the second, Albert
Foerster.

Both have one great love
for Hitler, and one great
hatred for each other.
Greiser hates Foerster like
poison. Foerster's happiest
day—Danzigers say—will
be when he can throw an
inkstand at Greiser's
"empty head," as he often
does at the heads of his sub-
ordinates.

Neither of the two has any-
thing really in common with
Danzig. They are both stran-
gers in the Free City.

Tall, fat and robust, Greiser
was born in Western Poland.
Long-headed, quick-eyed and
studious looking, Foerster was
born in Furth, near Nuremberg.

Greiser is 44—ten years older
than Foerster. But although
older in years, he is Foerster's
junior in the Nazi party. Hence
Foerster's stronger position in
Danzig.

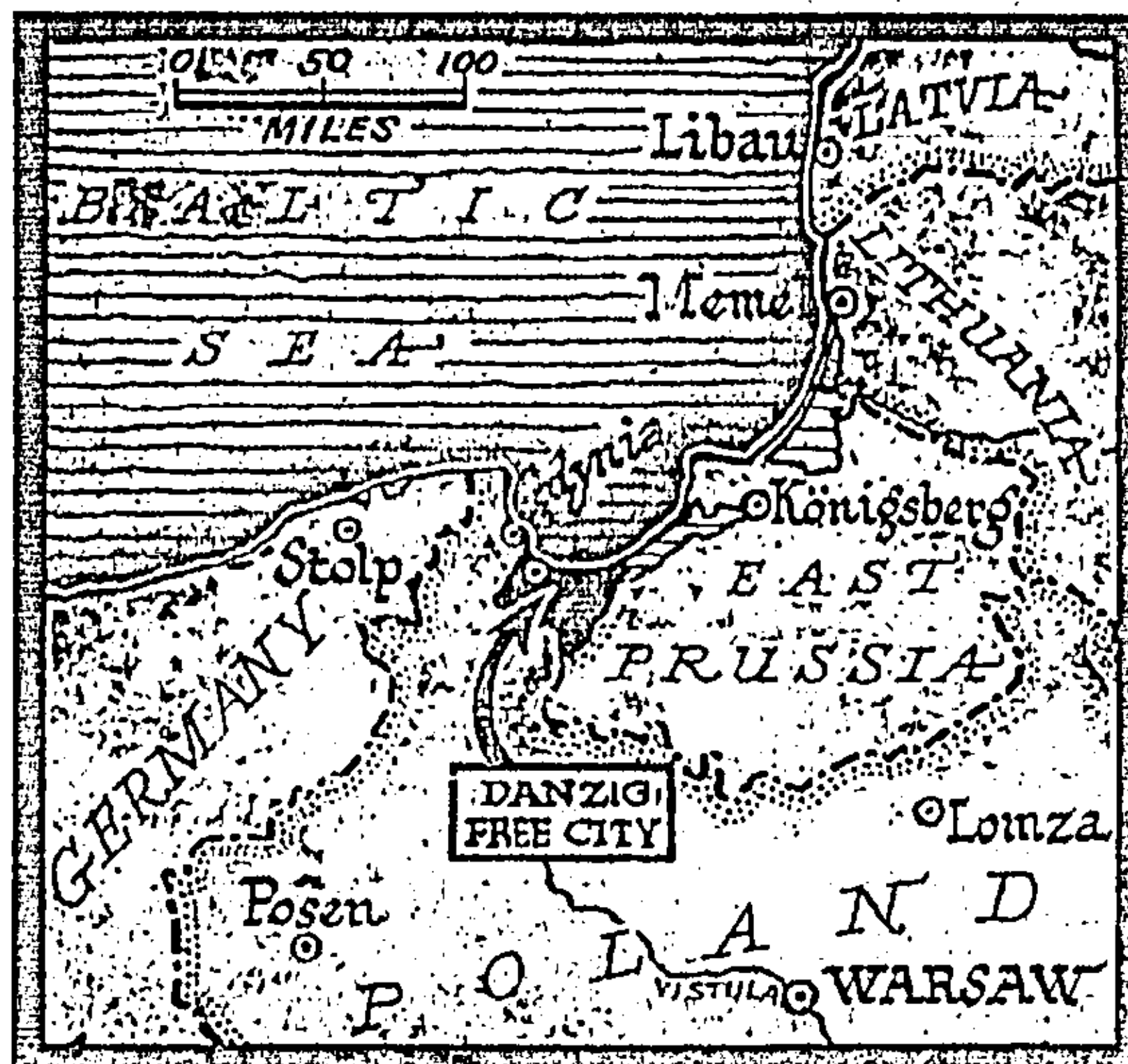
Foerster was preaching Hit-
ler's gospel when Greiser was
still a mason and the representa-
tive of a Jewish business house.

In Danzig Greiser arrived with
a medal he won during the war
and a good record as a pilot.
Foerster came as a petty official
with torn trousers and a hungry
stomach. To-day Greiser can
afford to spend lavishly, and
Foerster is the owner of many
beautiful villas in and around
Danzig and one in Wiessee, the
place where Roehm was murder-
ed. Both have a great thirst
for money, Greiser—to spend
—Foerster—to save and hoard.

Greiser made himself popular
through his numerous love
affairs, his numerous rendezvous
on the local cemetery, and his
shooting parties. Foerster be-
came famous when he was
thrown out from his post for a
violent attack on President Hin-
denburg when the Marshal was
first elected as German Presi-
dent.

Both came to power through
loyalty to Hitler. Greiser be-
came President of the Senate
when Dr. Raushning showed
some deviation from Hitler's
anti-Jewish teachings.

As a former employee of
Jewish firms Greiser somehow
proved to be the better pupil as
far as Jewish hatred was con-
cerned. Foerster's nomination
as "Gauleiter" in Danzig was
the result of a good word from
Hitler's sister and the recom-



mendation of Dr. Julius
Streicher, the notorious Jew-
hater.

To-day both rule Danzig un-
divided. Foerster is the head of
the ruling party, Greiser the
head of the State. Both have
to act as Berlin bids them.

The rivalry between the two
is common talk in Danzig.
Greiser, who somewhat resem-
bles Goering, and is his faithful
pupil, tries to dress and act like
Goering.

He has a love for uniforms
and medals. It is known in
Danzig that Greiser, lacking
sufficient of his own medals to
cover his whole chest, has tried
sometimes to wear the Iron
Cross his father won in the
Franco-German war of 1870.

He loves to be called "Cap-
tain" rather than the President,
and is never happier than when
in gala uniform.

Foerster, on the other hand,
likes to imitate Hitler. He talks
like Hitler, walks and behaves
like him.

Greiser is called the "mini-
ature Goering of the Miniature
Danzig State." Foerster, the
"miniature Hitler," Greiser
likes shooting, Foerster prefers
home life. He has married the
daughter of a Danzig builder
and his father-in-law is said to
have made a fortune from build-
ing contracts for the Danzig
State. Cynics say that both
Greiser and Foerster made a



FOERSTER
Tales out of School
to Hitler

ter never liked Lester. First
because he is the representative
of the League and reminded him
too often of the "obnoxious Ver-
sailles Treaty." Secondly be-
cause—like Treitschke—he dis-
likes the English, and Irish are
English to Foerster, who has
never been on good terms with
his history books.

But Greiser, who in his presi-
dential capacity had to "mix
with people," cherished some
sympathies for Lester. Greiser
did not want so sudden a quarrel
and advised "tact" and "slow
action."

Foerster's attack on Lester
found no favour in Greiser's
eyes, and even some of Greiser's
immediate followers condemned
the attack "as untimely and
harmful."

But Foerster went to Hitler
and won again. Greiser was
summoned to Berlin and told to
go and "stand up" to the
League. Foerster was triumph-
ant whilst Greiser's star went
somewhat dimmed.

Had he gone himself without
Hitler's express command or
had he shown inclination to go,
his position would be better than
it is.

Now Danzig may soon have
only one dictator.

**A Look Through
The "Telegraph"**

50 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1889.

An unsuccessful attempt at lighting
the streets of Leamington by in-
candescent lamps has recently been
made and gas-men claim a triumph
of gas-lighting over electricity.

25 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1914.

In the course of work in connection
with the enlargement of Hendon
Church, a vault was discovered
containing the coffin in which are the
remains of Sir Stamford Raffles, the
position of whose grave at Hendon
was hitherto unknown.

Sir Stamford Raffles was the son
of a sea captain in the West India
trade and was born at sea off the
coast of Jamaica in 1781. He made
great advancement and had much to
do with securing Java and Singapore
for Britain, being first Lieut. General
of the former territory, which was
later given up to the Dutch. Singa-
pore was his "political child," and he
was responsible for the laying out of
the city and establishing its
institution as a free port. He died
of apoplexy at his house near Lon-
don in 1826.

10 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1929.

The Duke of Gloucester was pleas-
ed to receive a pair of Sir William
Crookes' sun glasses from Messrs.
Lazurus, the Opticians, whilst he was
in the Colony.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I'll have to think it over about marrying you, Phineas—a man
over 70 isn't so easy to mould, you know!"

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Burma Road Agreement Alleged

Tokyo, May 3. An agreement has been concluded between Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador to China, and the National Government at Chungking for session of the western part of Yunnan to Burma in return for the construction of the Burma-Yunnan highway and railway with British funds and materials, newspaper reports from Shanghai say. The reports say that the ceded area includes Tengchung and Lungling west of the Lu River.

Upon completion, the Burma-Yunnan highway and railway will be placed under the management of an Anglo-Chinese joint commission, including six British and five Chinese members. The commission will be headed by the Chinese Railway Minister, Mr. Chang Kiu-ngau.—Domel.

HIGHWAY DESCRIBED

Chungking May 3. The Yunnan-Burma highway was described to the American public in a radio broadcast made from Chungking by Dr. Francis K. Pan, Director of the General Affairs Department of the Ministry of Communications, recently. Dr. Pan said in part:

"Attention has been directed lately to the three international highways in the First East. These are the Lanchow-Hankow-Tientsin, the Soviet Border highway. Then in the south, the Kweichow-Nanning Indo-China Border highway. The third highway is the Yunnan-Burma highway, running from Kunming via Taiyuan and Paoshan to Anting. There the highway branches to the north to Bhamo and to the south to Anting and is 610 miles, that from Anting to Lashio, 110 miles, and that from Anting to Bhamo 110 miles. Both sections are in Burmese territory. Direct communication is available from Lashio and Bhamo to Rangoon, the capital of Burma.

"The Yunnan-Burma highway's construction was begun in August, 1937. Not until recently, however, were finishing touches added, such as the necessary surfacing and strengthening of roadbeds and bridges, thus bringing the entire highway up to war requirements. However, improvement work is still being kept up in the hope that even during the rainy season, now fast approaching, the road may still be used for transportation.

ENGINEERING FEAT

"For the building work the Government used 200,000 engineers and labourers, to whom is credited the successful completion of a highway whose engineering feat was almost unequalled in history. Just imagine taking a dip from an elevation of 7,200 feet down to 2,500 feet level to cross a suspension bridge and then almost immediately ascending an equal grade up to 7,500 feet. You are virtually playing hide and seek or looping the loop in the clouds.

"To cover the entire highway takes five days. One goes over 280 bridges which have a load capacity from 10 to 15 tons, and 1,950 culverts. The road has a surface of nine to 16 feet. The highest elevation reached is 8,520 feet above sea level about 60 miles from Hsialakwan, a city 257 miles from Kunming. The initial cost of construction was around five to six million dollars, Chinese currency. A sum of over \$10,000,000 has been added to cover expenses for improvement, equipment and operation.

"Much is yet to be done. Trees have to be planted, side roads to be added, and a chain of service stations, rest houses and hotels must be established. Many more millions of dollars will find useful employment all along the highway. There are populous cities, trading posts and even rich mineral resources worthy of exploitation. Here is an opportunity for economic investment and peaceful pursuit of life. China at present, as she has in the past, consistently welcomes foreign co-operation and shall continue to adhere to the policy. Because she is confident of her ultimate victory and of a glorious future, China invites you to visit the Yunnan-Burma highway, a monument of new faith and undying courage!—Central News.

NELSON T. JOHNSON Ambassador Believes War Will Continue Years

San Francisco, May 3. The United States Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, stated before his departure on Friday that he is returning to Chungking. He believed, he said, that the conflict will last a long, long time owing to lack of faith that the Chinese are amply equipped and have built up a high morale.

Mr. Johnson said it is amazing to watch the discipline which the Chinese people show under a bombing attack. He predicted that when the Chinese come China will not become Communist, Nazi, Fascist or a democratic State—terms meaning very little to the Chinese people—but purely a Chinese form of Government based on agrarian economy.—United Press.

Britain

POSERS FOR PREMIER

Many Questions in House Of Commons

London, May 3. Mr. Neville Chamberlain was asked a number of questions in the House of Commons to-day in regard to denunciation of the Anglo-German naval agreement by Germany.

The Premier declared that the Government did not regard the assurances recently given to Poland were in any way inconsistent with the provisions of the naval agreement. There were no provisions permitting either Government to denounce the validity of the agreement. He was not sure if Herr Hitler's proposal for another treaty would be negotiated, but the Government was considering what reply should be made.

Mr. J. J. Llewellyn, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, told the House that no decision has yet been reached whether to scrap or retain the two battleships of the Royal Sovereign class carrying 15-inch guns, as the result of denunciation of the treaty.

CABINET DISCUSSION

London, May 3. The Cabinet held its usual weekly meeting this morning at which the progress of the negotiations with the Soviet is understood to have been discussed.

It is reported that Russia wants a triple alliance between Russia, Britain and France with military conventions attached.—Reuter Bulletin.

BRITAIN READY

Mr. Butler said that no steps were being taken to make the British guarantee given Rumania and Greece reciprocal.

In reply to a question by Arthur Henderson, Mr. Chamberlain said that in recent statements he made it quite clear that there is no foundation whatever for the charge that the British Government have adopted a policy of encircling Germany. What President Roosevelt proposed and what Mr. Chamberlain understood Herr Hitler to offer was an exchange of assurances of non-aggression, rather than a guarantee on a reciprocal basis such as was recently given to Poland.

"The British Government is certainly ready to consider proposals for an exchange of reciprocal assurances with the German Government," said the Prime Minister.—Reuter.

King & Queen Dine With Commissioner

London, May 3. The King and Queen dined with Mr. Vincent Massey and his wife at the Canadian High Commissioner's London home last night. A trooper of the Northwest Mounted Police stood guard at the door of Mr. Massey's residence.—Reuter Bulletin.

OLD CEREMONY

At Portsmouth when the King arrives the ancient ceremony of handing the keys of the fortress to the King will be enacted at the Guildhall.

The liner in which Their Majesties will make the journey will be accompanied by the cruisers Southampton and Glasgow.—Reuter Bulletin.

WILL VISIT FAIR

London, May 2. The Daily Mirror says "It is likely that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor will visit the New York World's Fair during the late summer, accompanied by a party of British and French personal friends."—United Press.

MINISTER IN CANADA

Washington, May 2. Personal friends said that Mr. Roper would probably retain the Ministership in Canada only during the visit of Their Majesties to that country, after which he would return to Washington to practice his law business.—United Press.

French Ban On Japan's Goods

Paris, May 3. A general embargo on the import of Japanese goods into France and French possessions was announced yesterday morning in the official gazette. An exception is made for goods shipped before a certain date, or for deliveries accompanied by permit issued by the French Consul in Japan.

In other words, Japanese goods may in future be sent to France and her possessions only with the permission of the consulate officials. It is declared that permission will be granted without difficulty for silk, articles and camphor. Trans-Ocean, Reuter adds that the measure is presumably taken for furtherance of the Franco-Japanese trade agreement now being negotiated in Japan.

According to Havas, the Tokyo agreement will effect a considerable adjustment of France's unfavourable trade balance with Japan.

New British Battleship Launched

London, May 3. Thousands watched the launching of the 35,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales, sister ship of King George V, by the Princess Royal at Birkenhead to-day.

The vessel was completely in the water one minute after a bottle of champagne was smashed on its bow.

The Prince of Wales is the first two of five battleships now in course of construction. Her main armament consists of 10 14-inch guns, and her secondary armament of 10 5.5-inch guns and numerous smaller guns. Great attention has been paid to protection against gunfire, aerial bombs and mines. The battleship is one of the fastest in the world.—Reuter Bulletin.

TERRIBLE RAID ON CHUNGKING

Dozens Of Fires Break Out

Chungking, May 3. The densely populated sections of the city were subjected this afternoon to a severe bombing by the Japanese for the first time this year. The explosions started many fires and the casualties are believed to be heavy.—Reuter.

HUGE FIRES RAGE

Chungking, May 3. Dense clouds of smoke with flames shooting in many places to 100 feet in the air overlying the city this afternoon as hundreds of firemen and coolies sought to stem the conflagrations from the air raid.

Observers report that 45 Japanese planes took part in the raid, but that only 22 managed to reach Chungking, the rest being intercepted by Chinese pursuit planes down river.

The Chinese estimate that three Japanese bombers were shot down, of which the United Press correspondent saw one and two Japanese landing by parachute. Foreign observers declare that one Japanese plane was shot down and two Chinese pursuit machines brought down in an exploding crash over the city and continuing up river.

The Japanese unloaded mostly incendiary and light demolition bombs, starting seven separate fires including a quarter mile area of the river front. The only foreign property hit was the Franco-Chinese Navigation Company which was destroyed by a direct hit.

The streets present a mass of debris and tangled wires and the air is thick with smoke. All light and telephone services were cut off when the main wires in the business area were shattered. When the raid ended the streets were clogged with masses of Chinese swarming to the banks of the Yangtze and the Central Park carrying belongings saved from the fire-swept areas.

QUICKLY OVER

The raid was evidently deliberately designed to wipe out the city as the flames flew over the city twice and then from up river swept over the bridge holding the business and residential area, unloading all the bombs in less than two minutes and not attempting to bomb the Government areas. During the bombing the Japanese machine-guns were kept firing and the air was many times filled with shrapnel from anti-aircraft guns and machine gun bullets. The Yangtze was filled with debris when several sampans were destroyed, the bombs hitting the river edge.

The casualties are estimated at 500, including 100 dead, but details will not be available until the fires subside and the debris is uncovered.

Some reports place the casualties at 1,000, because a bomb buried a refugee building in which there were 300 refugees, but it is now known whether all were killed.

Four newspapers including the Ta Kung Pao, Hsin Wah Pao, and Hsin Su Pao, which were struck, the latter being unable to resume publication soon because the plant was destroyed.

A demolition bomb hit the air defence headquarters where large stores of gasoline and oil in godown were set on fire and quickly became an inferno.

The attack proved the efficacy of the new air raid shelters built throughout the city, as even 1,000 casualties may be taken as very low considering the population. It also proved the efficacy of the new water storage tanks and volunteer fire corps which checked the fires despite the rapid headway.—United Press.

NEW MARKET OPENED

Fish and Poultry Stalls Opened for Business

Trade commenced in the New Central Market yesterday when the fish and poultry stalls were opened to the public. These stalls are situated on the ground floor, and it was not long after opening before the market resounded to the hum of industry.

To-morrow, the meat stalls on the first floor will be opened, and on Friday, the vegetable and fruit stalls on the third floor will complete the business occupation of the whole building.

Shanghai

CHINESE IGNORE JAPANESE WARNING

Shanghai, May 3. Chinese newspapers in the International Settlement are practically ignoring the warning issued by the Shanghai Municipal Council against subversive propaganda.

While publishing the decree of the Municipal Council, vernacular newspapers actually violated it in separate columns declaring that May is the most appropriate month of the year for Chinese people to observe a number of "national humiliation days."

In defiance of orders banning the flying of Chinese Nationalist flags, the "White Sun in the Blue Sky" emblems were still prominent at many places in the Settlement and Concession.—Domel.

REORGANISATION REQUESTED

Tokyo, May 3. It is understood that reorganisation of the administrative system in the International Settlement was proposed when Mr. Renzo Sawada, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, received the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, and the American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew, this afternoon.

The communication which was made orally was understood to have followed inter-ministerial consultations between the Foreign, War and Navy Ministries. Both the British and American envoys promised to convey the Japanese desires to their respective home Governments.

The communication follows: "The administrative structure and systems of the Settlement are defective in many respects, rendering them wholly unsuitable to the present situation, including the land regulations on which the administration of the Settlement is based."

The provisions of the Land Regulations now in force, save on some minor points, remain exactly the same as those of the Land Regulations of 1866.

"Several years ago, the question of reform of the Municipal Council was discussed in the Shanghai Municipal Council. At that time, the system of election for the Municipal Council was undemocratic and that the British monopolised important offices in the Municipal Council and held an overwhelming majority in the Council."

"The voice of the Japanese community, despite the enormous Japanese interests there, is not given a due and fair expression in the administration of the Settlement."

"New regimes distinct and separate from the Chiang Kai-shek regime have come into existence and are functioning. It is most desirable, therefore, that the Settlement authorities should closely."

"Some measures must be immediately taken. Consideration should be given to the position of the Chinese Court of Justice existing within the Settlement. The grant of land registers held in custody by the Municipal Council must be speedily settled."

"The Japanese Government cannot pass unnoticed the rampancy of elements or hostile to Japan or the new Chinese regimes who are taking advantage of the Settlement."—Domel.

FURTHER DISTURBANCES IN CONCESSIONS

Shanghai, May 3. Police reserve units were called out this afternoon to Bubblingwell and Yates Roads following a minor clash between the police and shopkeepers over the Chinese insistence on flying the Chinese national flag.

The police of the French Concession were seeking two foreigners of unidentified nationality, but who are believed to be Russians, who shot and seriously wounded a Chinese constable who attempted to search them. One dropped a long sharp knife when fleeing from the scene.

Both escaped.

The British owned Chinese newspaper Leader and also the Yeh Pao suspended publication voluntarily to-day rather than appear without Chiang Kai-shek's May Day speech, which, it is alleged, the British Consulate forbade publication will be resumed to-morrow.

The American owned Chinese papers carried voluminous reports of Chiang's speech.—United Press.

POLICE EMBARRASSED

Shanghai, May 3. Police officers, who had earlier caused Chinese stores to remove Chinese flags on Yates Road, became highly embarrassed when over 300 youthful Chinese girls students marched en masse into the Longwu Road Police Station and demanded the right for the Chinese to fly Chinese flags at any time.

The students did not protest at the police action in Petticoat Lane, but at the effort of the police to lower the Cheng Chih School flag.

The police asked the school's principal to lower the flag, but he refused, saying that the flag was the property of the girls students, whereupon the police took him to the station. The girls followed.

After questioning the principal, he was released. The girls also left and lowered the flag.

Three detachments of Russian volunteers took up positions along Yates Road and the police again refused to do. Eight of them were arrested and taken to the police station, where they were told that they would be detained until the shops lowered the flags.

Later all the flags were lowered, at which those arrested were released.—United Press.

MONEY SITUATION

Shanghai, May 3. Reviewing the Shanghai Exchange market for the past week in the light

Customs Union

Home, May 3. A Customs Union has been formed between Italy and Albania under the terms of the agreement concluded on April 20, and was published here to-day.

According to that agreement Albania will at the earliest possible date give notice of termination of existing commercial agreements between herself and other countries.—Trans-Ocean.

Philippines

Independence Desires Are Decreasing

Manila, May 3. In a half hour speech on the floor of the Assembly this afternoon, Mr. Carlos Tio, although just returned for a trip to China, urged "examination" of political relations with the United States, and cited the fate of Ethiopia, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Albania and China.

Mr. Tio said he saw terrible devastation in Shanghai and recalled the present Congressional movement to set the Philippines free in 1942.

Mr. Tio said, "Suppose we get our independence now and to-morrow a powerful fleet appears in Manila Bay? What must we do? If we ever come under any nation, I prefer a thousand times to remain under the United States. I sincerely believe we should open our eyes to reality and act accordingly."

It is noteworthy that the speech was made in view of the fact that the Assemblymen remain discreetly silent on the independence question, and in the face of the apparently growing popular conviction that the freedom which the Islands sought for nearly 40 years could be wisely delayed in view of world unrest.

Coincidentally, the Assembly's committee on the revision of laws unanimously reported a bill providing that by October 1 a constitutional convention prepare an amendment to the constitution in order to permit the re-election of President Manuel Quezon in 1941, due to the belief that Mr. Quezon is the only leader adequately experienced to lead the Commonwealth through the prospective difficult years.—United Press.

THE TYDINGS PLAN

Washington, May 2. White House reports that Senator Tydings early independence projects for the Philippines somewhat mystified members of the Bureau of Insular Affairs regarding the future legislative events, Philippine officials were previously carefully analysing the arguments which will likely be advanced pro and con such a bill, and undertook an appraisal of the probable attitude of the various groups in the United States and the Philippines.

Some Filipinos opined that the preponderance of arguments would compel the United States administration to actively oppose immediate independence and it is doubtful whether any of the Philippines faction could actively support the Tydings plan along the lines that it might take, during and including the possibility of independence in 1942.—United Press.

of the latest currency developments, both in Central and North China. Finance and Commerce, leading weekly financial paper, states, "The only alteration in the exchange market was a slight weakening of forward notes."

"Under normal conditions this would be interpreted as evidence of some lack of confidence, but the changes are so small that it would be absurd to attach any particular significance to them."

Pointing out that China's import surplus for the first quarter of the year was almost \$10,000,000 the paper remarks, "The cause for wonder is not that there should be a sagging tendency for forward quotations, but that a confidence in stability should have maintained its present remarkable level. Of course, the control fund holds the cash rate at 8 1/2, and although it may be compelled to sell heavily on occasion there is little doubt that it can defend the position for a long time to come."

Turning to Tientsin, Finance and Commerce declares, "There would appear to be far more excitement than confusion in Tientsin."

Referring to railway, steamer fares or customs duties, the paper concludes, "Obviously it cannot be suggested that introduction of these bank notes meant prosperity for North China; the contrary is the case."

WRONG ATTITUDE

Briefly summarising Japanese attempts to introduce a new currency in China, Finance and Commerce states, "Sooner or later the Japanese financial authorities will have to admit that it is impossible to establish a currency in a foreign country which has no basis of value beyond that given by its own regulations."

Judging from the decisions reached by the Osaka Chamber of Commerce, nothing has been learned from the experience of the Federal Reserve Bank notes in North China.

"The Chamber came to the conclusion that circulation of the present legal tender in Central China was hampering Japan's China policy and it was regarded therefore as quite reasonable that the 'Reformed Government' should exert strong pressure on the existing currency in

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order to make it useless, but the proposals at Osaka show that they were thinking more along lines of trade advantages in the first place than of financial reform.—Reuter.

FEDERAL CURRENCY

Tientsin, May 3. Federal Reserve Bank currency in North China registered another small drop to-day, the premium on the Chinese National dollar being 34.5 per cent.

Thus it took 134 1/2 Federal Reserve Bank dollars to buy 100 Chinese National dollars. Yesterday it took 134.—Reuter.

PURCHASE OF YEN

Shanghai, May 3. The Federal Reserve Bank dollar is still officially declared to be on par with the yen, and it was possible to buy demand drafts on Tokyo with this currency to-day, although this was done with considerable difficulty. In order to buy yen notes, however, it took about \$125 of the Federal Reserve Bank 16 purchase yen.—Reuter.

GUNBOATS RETURN

Cricket and Scorpion Back from Hankow

Shanghai, May 3. The British gunboats Cricket and Scorpion arrived in Shanghai to-day from Hankow, with 53 foreigners, mostly British, aboard.

H.M.S. Scorpion carried the flag of Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt, Rear Admiral on the Yangtze. The Cricket has made her last trip, as she will be shortly sold for breaking up, together with her sister ship H.M.S. Mantus, at present on the Yangtze but soon to make her last trip to Shanghai.—Reuter.

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FURTHER CHINESE SUCCESS

Kho And Choy Win At Bournemouth

London, May 3. Further successes were scored by Kho Sin-kie (holder) and W. C. Choy, the Chinese Davis Cup players, in the Bournemouth hardcourt tennis championships to-day.

In the quarter-finals of the tournament, Kho eliminated Ronald Shykes in four sets, after dropping the first, the scores being 5-7, 6-4, 6-1, 6-0.

In the same round, Choy defeated Laurence Shaff by 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Both Shykes and Shaff are members of the British Davis Cup team this year.—*Reuter*.

OTHER RESULTS

In the other quarter-final matches, Donald McPhail, of Great Britain, beat G. E. Godsell, also of Great Britain. Godsell retired in the third set after McPhail had won the first two by 6-3, 6-1.

Charles Hare, of Great Britain, beat John Olliff, of Great Britain, by 6-0, 6-1.

In the semi-finals, Kho Sin-kie will meet McPhail and Choy will play Hare.—*Reuter*.

W. Sander, Miss Tylor Win In Straight Sets

(By "Abe")

The standard of tennis seen in the final of the Hongkong Cricket Club mixed doubles championship yesterday was surprisingly high, and those who turned up to see it must have been pleased with the performances of both pairs.

W. Sander and Miss Ann Tylor (-15) managed to beat H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Andrews (-15.3) in straight sets, but even they themselves will probably agree that the difference in the scores was due more to the slight handicap which they received rather than any appreciable superiority in their play.

The game would have been considerably closer, I think, if Armstrong had not made so many mistakes at vital stages of each set. He was steady enough at most times, his heavy top-spins making his shots very difficult to return on many occasions, but he was not always able to minimise his errors when points became really important.

LADIES PLAYED WELL

Sander too was not always reliable. Although his forehand drives won many points, his work at the net did not impress, and it was left to the two ladies to carry off the chief honours of the day.

Mrs. Andrews served well and brought off some very fine shots on the backhand, but on the other side of the court Miss Tylor was playing equally well. If a count was kept it would probably be found that Miss Tylor made the least number of mistakes of the four; in fact she played remarkably steadily throughout, her ground shots being particularly good.

The splendid play of the ladies made game always interesting, with little to choose between the two pairs. But the slight handicap which Armstrong and Mrs. Andrews had to concede proved the deciding factor. The match was featured by some fine rallies.

Service was held in the first set until 4-4 was called, and then Sander and Miss Tylor broke through Armstrong's service to win out in the tenth game. The second set went in sequence of two games each. Sander and Miss Tylor won the first two, were pulled back to 2-2, led again to 4-4, and then they took the next two games for the set and match.

The final scores were 6-4, 6-4 in favour of Sander and Miss Tylor.

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES

In the other Club final played, E. E. Storey and J. J. Ferguson (-5/6) defeated H. K. Volenting and L.M.S. Lloyd (ser.) by 6-1, 4-6 and 6-2 to win the Men's Handicap Doubles.

HANDICAP SINGLES

L. Goldman (-30) defeated V. R. Gordon (-3/6) by 6-2, 6-4 to enter the final of the Men's Handicap Singles. The winner will meet H. J. Armstrong in the final.

Rumjahns To Play Ho And Lee To-day

On the stand court of the Hongkong Cricket Club to-day, S.A. and H. D. Rumjahns, former holders of the doubles tennis championship of the Colony, will meet Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing in the semi-finals of the current tournament.

The Rumjahns couple play is already well-known to local followers of the game, but Ho and Lee are a new combination in the Colony championships. By their victory over W. A. H. Duff and T. A. Pearce, the Chinese have already shown that they are capable of playing at a high level, and it is safe to say that less the cousins produce their best form they will not have an easy passage into the final.

tennis championships, the men's singles of which Kho holds. But at the time of writing, the two have done well enough to make China's chances in the 1939 Davis Cup competition look brighter than before. China, as has been announced, is drawn to play in the first round of the European Zone. It will be recalled that France was also China's first opponent in the 1936 championships and won with ease. Then Kho, Guy Cheng and Gordon Lum were no match for Christian Bousous and Bernard Destremont. Now, however, Kho has improved immeasurably and can hold his own with some of the best players in the world, while Choy, by his victory over G. E. Malfoy, the New Zealand Davis Cupper, on Tuesday, has proved that he has also improved greatly. China may not beat France in the Davis Cup tie, but the recent performances of her two representatives in Europe tend to prove that she has a better chance than most people had conceded her when the draw was announced. Kho's victories are more or less expected now, but Choy's win over Malfoy is in the nature of a surprise.

Not Impressive

I STILL remember the matches I Choy played in Hongkong a couple of years ago, and I cannot say I was much impressed by him: in fact I was surprised that a player with the form he displayed could have won a "Blue" at Cambridge. But I was then, and quite believe it, that Choy plays better in England than he does in Hongkong. He finds the climate here unsuitable to him, and judging by the many fine victories he has been scoring in recent months, he must be finding the climatic conditions in Hongkong more to his taste. With Kho and Choy as their representatives, Chinese tennis enthusiasts may look forward with some hope; a victory for China is not as impossible as some people seem to think.

(As reported elsewhere on this page, both Kho and Choy have made further progress in the Bournemouth championships. Their victims yesterday in the quarter-finals were Ronald Shykes and Laurence Shaff, the two British Davis Cup players).

OUR WEEKLY HOCKEY FEATURE

"Pilgrim" Says—

SIX-A-SIDE CATCHES ON

LAST SUNDAY'S TOURNAMENT AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

8th Destroyer Flotilla Thoroughly Deserve Win

The Hongkong Hockey Association Six-a-Side Tournament, staged at King's Park on Sunday last, proved an outstanding success. The idea of gathering together all the affiliated clubs, including the Army and Navy, seemed—to some—a formidable, if not impossible, task. But, with all-round enthusiasm, it proved easy.



Tel. McDonald, prolific scorer of the 8th Destroyer Flotilla team, which won the Six-a-Side Tournament last Sunday.

"PILGRIM'S" RANDOM JOTTINGS

Players Who Have Won Sticks

(By "The Pilgrim")

The following have been selected by me, as the most improved League players for the 1938-39 season and each will receive a stick presented by Mr. Amar Singh, manager of International Sports:

Caer Clark Cup.—Miss A. Smith (C.B.S. centre-half).
Brawn Cup.—Miss B. Greaves (D.G.S. left half).
H.K.H.A. Tournament.—V. Ribeiro (Recreio goal-keeper).
Combined Boys Schools.—Master Curdial Singh (Queen's College).

LEAGUE SCORERS

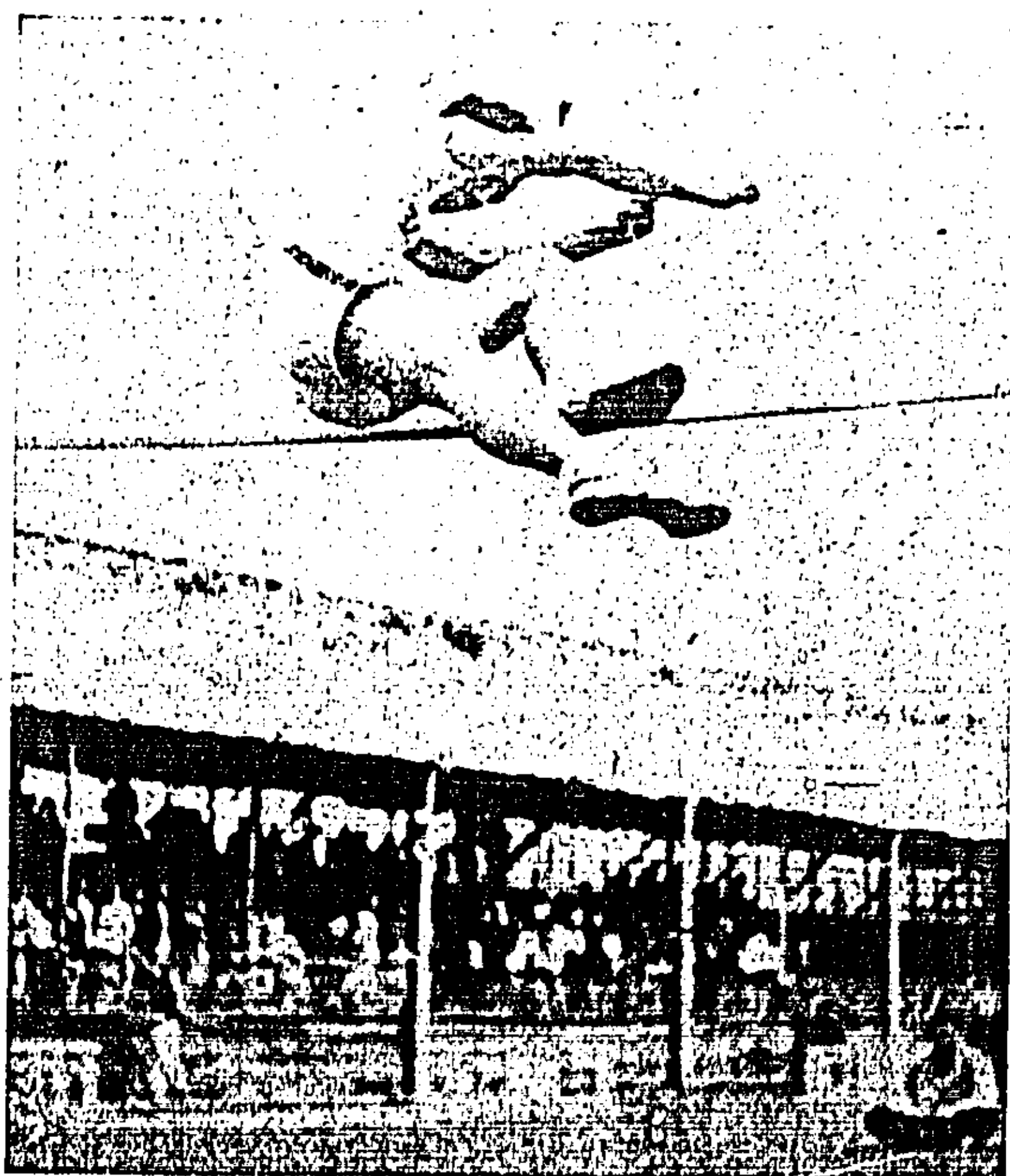
The highest goal-scorers will also receive a stick each. Their names are as follows:
Caer Clark Cup.—Miss M. Smith ("Y" Ladies).
Brawn Cup.—Mrs. Ackroyd (Seaford Ladies).

H.K.H.A. Tournament.—Gurbachan Singh (Radio).
The above-mentioned players are requested to appear in person at the International Sports on Monday, May 8, at 6 p.m. sharp when the presentation of sticks will be made.

Two Matches In English Soccer

London, May 3.

Two matches were played to-day in the English Football League. Plymouth, at home, defeated Norwich by a goal to nil in the Second Division, and Ipswich, at home, beat Reading by 2-1 in the southern section of the Third Division.—*Reuter*.



Action picture of Orlando Poon, of La Salle College, who cleared 6 feet 6 inches in the high jump at the Inter-School sports finals at Caroline Hill on Monday.—*Staff Photographer*.



Mr. R. Henderson, retiring Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Hockey Association.

Secretary Tenders Resignation

"Bob" Henderson To Leave Shortly

The appointment of a successor to Mr. R. Henderson, the Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Hockey Association, takes place at a meeting of the Council this afternoon at 5.30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church Hall. As he is due to leave the Colony shortly for good, Mr. Henderson has tendered his resignation.

"Bob" has served in the capacity of Hon. Secretary for a full season during which time he has carried out remarkably fine work on behalf of the Association.

There is no better-known personality on the hockey field than our "Bob," who has been in the game for a great number of years. As an umpire and administrator, he has rendered great service. He is a keen and enthusiastic worker, and the Colony, I am certain, will regret his departure.

There have been many outstanding personalities in the Association in the past, but none has surpassed Mr. Henderson in the amount of work done. Week in and week out during the season, he is always seen umpiring matches, and during his umpiring career he has had charge of Inter-Club, International and representative games. He is a capable and very human umpire, and all players will, I hope, avail themselves of the opportunity of wishing him farewell when he takes his last match in the Colony—Service v. Civilians on Sunday.

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Sporting Personality Now In The Colony

AN interesting visitor to these shores is Mr. F. D. Rose Price, globe-trotter, executive member of the South African Amateur Boxing Association, member of the Transvaal N.S.C., certificated boxing referee and judge, official of the dererers A.C., Johannesburg, South Africa, racing head and financier. These, in short, are some of Mr. Rose Price's chief interests, and you will agree that they comprise a varied list. Mr. Rose Price and his wife have just arrived in the Colony. To-morrow he will proceed to Sydney while his wife will return to South Africa on Saturday. They were in Japan recently, and Mr. Rose Price has some very interesting things to say about amateur boxing in that country. He has been connected with the light game almost all his life, and he knows what he is talking about, I can assure you.

Standard Very Poor

AMATEUR boxers in Japan go up to 140 pounds only, and judging by the bouts he has watched the standard of amateur boxing is very low indeed compared to that of other countries. He was taken to a tournament at the Tokyo University, which boasted some of the best amateur boxers in the country, and though the majority were very fast and clever, he failed to see a single one possessing a punch worthy of the name. "Any two-handed fighter with a decent wallop could have gone into the ring and knocked the heads off the best of the bunch I saw," says Mr. Rose Price, who thinks that as a class, Japanese boxers are not up to the standard of the Filipinos. If the Filipinos themselves are not conspicuous for their heavy hitting, they are at least better than the Japanese who do not seem to be able to hit at all.

NATURALLY our talk finally turned to South Africa. Mr. Rose Price's home country. Without wishing to boost up the stock of his own country unduly, Mr. Rose Price really thinks that amateur boxing in South Africa ranks very high indeed. It certainly is better than that he has seen in most places he has visited. England and Australia not excluded. The reason for this is the tremendous enthusiasm shown for the game by the youngsters. In a recent tournament for juniors at Johannesburg, there were from 350 to 400 entries—which shows how popular boxing is there. He also recalls with pride that South Africans won two out of the five

boxing championships at the British Empire Games in 1930 and in the last meeting in Australia. Mr. Rose Price has been invited to officiate at the Victorian Amateur Boxing Championships, which take place in July, and when this tournament is completed he will officiate at the Australian Amateur Championships.

Athletics

MR. Rose Price is also greatly interested in athletics. Rapid strides, he says, are being made in South Africa in developing youngsters, some of whom will be world-beaters some day. Particularly good are they in field events, but on the track they have not made such good progress, though they have a few men who can beat ten seconds quite regularly for the 100 yards. Mr. Rose Price has a son, Mr. T. Rose Price, who won the Southern Transvaal mile championship in 1936 in the good time of 4 mins. 27 secs. This record has been beaten since, however.

Chinese Success

THIS was written last night. So by the time these notes appear in print, both Kho Sin-kie and W. C. Choy, the Chinese Davis Cup players, may have been already eliminated from the Bournemouth hardcourt



Kho Sin-kie, the Chinese Davis Cup player, who is defending his hardcourt title at Bournemouth. He defeated Ronald Shykes in the quarter-finals yesterday.

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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Hongkong Fencer Represents Bertrand's

F. J. T. LOCKE DOES WELL WITH EPEE IN POLONIA CUP MATCH

Fencers in Hongkong will be deeply interested to learn that Mr. F. J. T. Locke, of the Public Works Department, and an enthusiastic fencer, was recently selected to represent Salle Bertrand, probably the oldest Salle d'Armes in England, in the Polonia Cup Competition. Mr. Locke is now on holiday in England.

The trophy for the competition was presented to the A.F.A. by the Polish Fencing Association for an international three-weapon team contest. The British Salles and clubs entered are now reduced to four, who will compete with the foreign teams at Bertrand's on May 20 and 21, these being the Salle Bertrand, Salle Paul, London Fencing Club and Lansdowne Club.

Mr. Locke is quite an old member of the Salle Bertrand, but this is the first time that he has represented them with the epee. Apart from the Polonia Cup Competition, Mr. Locke was also chosen to represent Bertrand's with the epee in a three-weapon match in the Nairn Cup, which is a trophy that has been fought for each year for 20 years by teams of three—one foilist, one epeeist and one sabreur, from each of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Salle Bertrand and the Sabre Club.

ENTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. Locke has also been entered for a British epee championship in June. He has been doing a lot of fencing in the Cercle Militaire in Paris under the direction of the Maître Dodiviers, who is the father of Fencing Professors in France.

In the Round of the Polonia Cup Competition, Bertrand's beat MacDonald's 14-4, and in the second round beat Polytechnic by the same score.

Scores:

ROUND I--BERTRAND'S BEAT MACDONALD'S 14-4--Bertrand's: F. Stark, 3 wins, 0 defeats, 4 hits; R. C. Winton, 3-0-7; M. G. Winton, 3-0-6; Total, 7 wins, 0 defeats, 14 hits. MacDonald's: P. G. Williams, 1-2-10; A. R. Smith, 1-2-11; H. Feldman, 0-3-12; Total, 2 Epees--Bertrand's: Stark, 2-0-0; F. J. Locke, 3-0-1; R. C. Winton, 1-2-4. Total, 2 Sabres abandoned.

ROUND II--BERTRAND'S BEAT POLYTECHNIC 14-4--Bertrand's: G. J. C. Moore, 3-0-2; N. G. Winton, 3-0-6; H. C. Winton, 1-2-11. Total, 7 wins, 0 defeats, 14 hits. Polytechnic: Dr. A. G. Sims, 1-2-9; G. Haynes, 1-2-10; T. L. Wadde, 0-3-12; Total, 3 Epees--Bertrand's: Moore, 3-0-2; R. C. Winton and Locke, each 2-1-4. Total, 7 Polytechnic: Sigry and D. S. Martin, each 1-2-5; R. Ratman, 0-3-6. Total, 2 Sabres abandoned as not affecting result.

PAUL'S BEAT TASSART-PARKINS 14-4--Paul: R. Paul, 3-0-7; R. F. Parfitt, 2-1-9; H. Cooke, 1-2-8. Total, 7 wins, 0 defeats, 14 hits. Tassart-Parkins: J. Albert, 2-1-9; T. Fraem, 1-2-8. Total, 4 Epees--Paul's: Paul and Cooke each 1-2-4; Parfitt, 0-3-6. Total, 2 Tassart-Parkins: Fraem, 3-0-6; L. V. Fildes, 3-0-2; L. McLennan, 1-2-8. Total, 3 Sabres--Paul: G. A. Bisset, 3-0-4; Cooke, 3-0-5; C. Hardy, 1-2-9. Total, 7 Tassart-Parkins: Andrus, 1-2-9; C. E. Crosland, 1-2-11; S. C. M.

French Players Called Up

Paris, May 3. The two French Davis Cup tennis players, Petra and Pelizza, have been called up for military service and will probably not be able to participate in the first elimination round which is to be played on May 18. They belong to the 24th infantry regiment, which according to *Petit Parisien*, has been assigned to duty on the Spanish frontier. — *Trans-Ocean*.

K.B.G.C. CEREMONY

The recently completed extensions to Kowloon Bowling Green Club-house will be formally opened by Sir Atholl MacGregor on Sunday at 12.15 p.m.

There will be a bowls match prior to the opening between Club teams captained by Sir Atholl and the President, T. E. Robson. Members who wish to play are asked to be on the green by 10.15 a.m.

LANSDOWNE BEAT LLOYDS BANK 12-0--Landsdowne: C. A. Whitely, Smith, 3-0-4; F. P. Crowder, 2-1-6; P. C. Dix, 2-1-7. Total, 7 wins, 0 defeats, 12 hits. Lloyds Bank: L. A. Mowlam, 2-1-10; J. M. Hicks and M. S. McDonald, each 0-3-12. Total, 2 Epees--Landsdowne: P. St. G. Cooke, 2-1-3; M. D. McCready, 1-2-9; Dix, 0-3-6. Total, 3 Lloyds Bank: A. J. Payne, 3-0-1; McDonald, 2-1-3; Mowlam, 1-2-8. Total, 6 Sabres--Landsdowne: Dix, 3-0-3; D. Flower, 3-0-4; Crowder, 2-1-6. Total, 9 Lloyds Bank: J. M. Hicks, 1-2-11; Mowlam and Payne each, 0-3-12. Total, 1.



Picture gives an idea of the large number of competitors taking part in the Three Miles team race yesterday at the Hongkong Area Sports Board's annual athletic meeting held on the Polo ground, Boundary Street. H.K.S.R.A. runners made a clean sweep in this event.—Staff Photographer.

Winnebar Carries Off Chester Cup

London, May 3. At Chester to-day, Sir Frederick E. Lay's Winnebar, starting at 100 to 8 and ridden by Gordon Richards, won the Chester Cup to-day, covering two and a quarter miles in 4 mins. 3 3/4 secs. to beat Miss. Jameson's Irish Stew, also at 100 to 8, by three lengths, with Brigadier-General Lamston's Eldonnill, 8 to 1, in third place one and a half lengths behind. The race was valued at £2,000.

LOCAL YACHTING

Sweepstake Race Won By La Linda

A sweepstake race held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday over 0.2 miles gave first place to La Linda, with four others out of eight finishing the course. Results:

Yacht	Time
La Linda (Mrs. M. I. Johnstone)	17.03.48
True Blue (Miss H. Crawhall Wilson)	17.03.58
Kittiwake (Miss P. M. King)	17.07.01
Nereid II (Lt. Fanshawe, R.N.)	17.07.27
Gull (O. G. Miles)	17.09.27
Artemis (D. N. F. Jean)	D. N. F.
Teal (D. N. F.)	D. N. F.

Middlesex Leading In Area Sports

The Middlesex Regiment, who lost the championship last year by half a point, were in the lead at the close of the first day's events yesterday at the Hongkong Area Sports Board's annual athletic meeting held on the Polo Ground in Kowloon.

Last year's champions, Hongkong Regiment, Hongkong and Singapore Royal Artillery, are close behind, their chief achievement during the day being the success of their four runners in the three miles team race, which gave them first, second, third and sixth place. The winner's time was 14 minutes 44 1/2 seconds.

The total points gained by each unit during the day were Middlesex Regiment 53 points, H.K.S.R.A. 48, 8th Heavy Battery, R.A. 43, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles 43, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots 34, 5th A.A. Regiment 32 1/2, Royal Engineers 20 1/2, Small Units 11.

The sports will be continued to-day when a keen fight will ensue for the championship. Several relay races in which strong competition is expected are on the programme.

Heats, the following teams have qualified for the finals:

- 440 Yards Relay--8/Heavy Regt., 2/Royal Scots, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles, and H.K.S.R.A.
- 880 Yards Relay--8/Heavy Regt., 1/Middlesex, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles, and 5/A.A. Regt.
- One Mile Relay--1/Middlesex, H.K.S.R.A., 2/Royal Scots, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles.

ATHLETE COLLAPSES AND DIES

Tragedy attended the Hongkong Area annual sports meeting at the Polo Ground, Boundary Street, yesterday morning. While practising for the discus throw, Bandman Stomp, of the Middlesex Regiment, suddenly collapsed and died on the field, despite immediate attention. He was removed to the Whitfield Barracks, and from there to the

Golf Competition For Women

A competition open to the Women's Section commemorating the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's Golden Jubilee will be held at Deep Water Bay on May 10. The competition is open to resident associates only.

Conditions are--18 holes against bogey; 1/2 handicap allowed. Two cards may be taken out at 50 cents a card. The Club will put up a cup. Second, and if entrance fees permit, a third prize will be bought from the proceeds.

The Medal Round of the Captain's Cup during April resulted in a tie between Mrs. W. J. E. Mackenzie 90-10-72 and Mrs. G. M. Smalley 91-10-72. Mrs. Mackenzie qualifies as she had the better score in the last six holes.

The Medal Pool at Happy Valley during April was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

F. A. PRESIDENT

London, May 3. Mr. William Cuff, of Everton, is now the only nomination for the post of President of the Football League. The election will take place on June 5.—*Reuter*.

Bowen Road Hospital. The funeral will take place to-day. Bandsman Stomp, who was unmarried, was a keen all-round sportsman, and took part in the Hongkong Area boxing tournaments only last week.

Extremely popular in his Regiment, his death is most keenly felt.

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 6th May, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 NOON.

Tables are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21020).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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RENEWAL OF LEASES Chamber Of Commerce And Government Policy

An interesting position regarding the renewal of Crown leases has arisen recently and the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce is at present considering the matter. Mention of this is made in the annual report of the Chamber, which reviews the whole situation. It says:

In Hongkong, ownership of land is with a very few exceptions—in leasehold from the Crown. Some naval and military lands, and St. John's Cathedral and precincts, are held in fee simple. The oldest leases granted were for 75 years. In 1849, leases for 999 years were authorised, and existing 75 year leases were converted accordingly. In the eighties of last century the issue of 999 year leases ceased, and 75 year leases without option of renewal were re-introduced. About 1899 the standard period became 75 years, renewable for another 75 years, without payment of premium, at a Crown Rent to be assessed by the Director of Public Works as a fair rental value of the ground at the date of renewal. This is now the usual period of tenure.

In the Leased Territories the system of tenure was originally a 75 years lease from 1899 with an option of renewal to a date just within the period of the New Territories lease (which runs for 99 years from 1898). With the efflux of time shorter and shorter leases have thus been granted in the New Territories.

The General Committee of the Chamber had under consideration during 1938 Government policy concerning the renewal of the leases for 75 years, without an option of renewal, entered into about 1895, as to

which representations had been received that differences of opinion had arisen between property owners and the Government. Desiring to develop their property, certain owners equated as to the terms upon which Government would be prepared to issue an extension of their tenancy for a further 75 years after expiry of the first 75 years. The Government replied that a premium would be payable, also increased Crown Rent for the remainder of the first 75 years period, at the expiry of which the lease holder would be entitled to a renewal for a further term of 75 years at such rent as shall be fixed by the Director of Public Works as the fair and reasonable rental value of the ground at the date of such renewal.

Enormous Increase

The figure mentioned by Government as representing the increased Crown Rent which would be payable was, in some cases, five times the amount at present paid by the holders of such leases. The amount of premium payable varied according to the property. One owner of property on the Peak submitted that, under these terms, he would be called upon to pay an additional sum of approximately \$7,000 over the unexpired portion of his present Crown Lease.

Another instance reported to the

Committee concerned the owners of property held on lease for 75 years of which there were 26 years still to run. The terms Government offered were renewal for 75 years all told, including the unexpired 26 years, increased Crown Rent and a fine or premium to be paid immediately. This, it was submitted, would mean that when the 26 years expired and there would be 75 years, less 26, to go, the Company would have paid in increased Crown Rent and fine, the sum of \$408,000.

It was further submitted that acceptance of the terms offered by Government in respect of renewals of leases for Peak property alone would involve, over a period of the next 40 years, payment in premiums and increased Crown Rent of an enormous sum.

It was gathered that the Government's view was that holders of leases for 75 years with the option of renewal for another 75 years should be regarded as being in a more advantageous position than holders of leases for 75 years only.

On behalf of property owners, however, it was submitted that holders of 75 years leases had exactly the same amount of work to do on their land as holders of 75 years with option leases, but the former had a much worse tenure.

Committee Appointed

A special Committee of the Chamber (of which the members were the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, Mr. E. Davidson and Mr. D. C. Edmondston) was appointed to consider the matter in the light of any further information received as to Government policy, a member of the General Committee having undertaken to refer to Government certain documents which it was thought should lead to modification of Government's terms. One of these documents was a publication entitled "Digest of Instructions from the Secretary of State regarding Disposal and Tenure

of Land in the Colony of Hongkong" by Philip Jacks. It carried into effect the recommendations contained therein would give holders of 75 years leases the terms which they were asking for, namely that in the event of renewal now of a 75 years lease, increases in Crown Rent would not take effect until expiry of the remaining years of the lease, and no premium would be payable.

The second document referred to Government was the Report of the Land Commission 1938/7, particularly the following paragraphs:

"The Commissioners are of the opinion that it is desirable in the interests of the Colony that all the land granted upon lease (except for agricultural or pastoral purposes, or for garden lots) should be granted upon the same tenure. Before very long it will be necessary that something should be done in reference to the leases for 75 years. The same difficulties will soon arise in dealing with them as arose with the 75 years leases granted in the early days of the Colony, when the lot holders looked forward to the fact that the termination of their leases was within measurable distance; to remedy which the term was extended for a further period of 24 years. The lots become unmarketable, tenants will do nothing towards repairs, or in the improvements or sustenance of their dwellings; if they were habitable towards the expiration of the term that is as much as they would be."

Right of Re-entry

"No-one has bought land on a 75 years lease only, with the idea that the Crown would enforce its right of re-entry at the end of 75 years and turn them out. Nor does it appear why there should be any distinction on one side of the harbour to another; or on lands in the town or in the country. It may be urged that parties should be kept to the strict performance of their engagement with the Crown, and that where land has risen in value the landlord should

be entitled to the unearned increment, at least proportionally with the tenant."

"In modern days it has been strenuously urged that the landlord, even if a private individual, has no right to this unearned increment. In case the Crown insists upon its rights, however, the Crown will, at the expiration of 75 years, take not only the unearned increment, but the whole value of the improvement effected by the tenants."

"The Crown, in dealing with the Crown lands, is not like some private person selfishly seeking to drive a hard bargain at the expense of an individual, but to dispose of its lands in the best interests of the whole community."

"The Crown, as the Commissioners have endeavoured to point out in another part of this Report, has the entire monopoly of all ungranted land, and in the case of the settlers at Kowloon, and on the Hills, purchasers were, and are, compelled either to accept the terms that are offered by the Crown, or to go without the land."

"The Commissioners feel sure that the same reasons which decided Earl Grey to sanction the extension of Town Lots from 75 to 999 years would apply equally to the extension of the Leases of all other Lots from 75 to 999 years."

The matter is still under discussion.

Birthdays Rouse Energy

PASADENA, Cal.

William E. Merrell's hobby is to demonstrate on each birthday his capacity for doing something new. On his 79th birthday he painted a roof. On his 80th birthday he announced that he is rushing a book to completion.

Nazi Plane Leaves Arrives In Formosa On Way To Japan

The German Junkers JU82, which is on a leisurely flight from Berlin to Japan and which arrived here on Tuesday, left for Taihoku, Formosa, at 7.50 a.m. yesterday.

The plane is piloted by Baron von Gablenz, director of the German Luftwaffe Aircraft Company, and others on board are Mr. G. Kaumann, who is to foster a commercial alliance between Japanese and German aircraft companies, Mrs. Kaumann, Messrs. Heim (second officer), Woltshke (mechanic) and Kober (wireless operator).

Although no official confirmation could be obtained from the Eurasia company it is reported that the plane will be handed over to them on May 18.

Arrives at Taihoku

The German plane arrived at Taihoku at 12.55 p.m. Staying here overnight, the German plane will proceed to Tokyo tomorrow, to finish its leisurely flight from Berlin-Dome.

CLIPPER DELAYED

The westward flight of the Philippines Clipper to Hongkong has been delayed. The Clipper had been held up at Honolulu for almost a week by adverse weather conditions. Mails and passengers will be transferred to a larger Boeing machine, the Honolulu Clipper, which is making its first flight to the East. The Honolulu Clipper left San Francisco yesterday and is scheduled to arrive in Hongkong on May 10.

AIR FORCE IN

The weekly Air France plane reached Hongkong at 11.45 a.m. yesterday with passengers and mail from Hanoi. Among those aboard were Messrs. Bowen and Witham, from Indo-China. The plane will leave on Saturday on the return trip.

NEW AIR SERVICE

Paris, May 3. An agreement has been signed for the inauguration of a weekly air service between Hanoi and Saigon on July 1.—Reuter.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures of Planes

Outward
For London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. May 5. Imperial Airways 7 a.m. May 9.
For Chungking, Sian, etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.
For U.S.A., via Manila and Guam: Pan American, Honolulu Clipper 8.30 a.m. May 11.
For France, via Hanoi: Air France 6.30 a.m. May 6.

Inward
From London, Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. May 4. Imperial Airways 5 p.m. May 8.
From U.S.A., via Guam, and Manila: Pan American Honolulu Clipper 12.30 p.m. May 10.
From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Service indefinite.
From France, via Hanoi: Air France 1 p.m. May 10.

PEACE PLEDGE UNION Social Settlement Work In Need of Funds

That an appeal for funds for the Social Settlement Scheme of the Peace Pledge Union would shortly be made was mentioned at a business meeting of the Union which was held at the Challenge Book Shop yesterday. Mr. R. A. D. Forrest presided. The meeting agreed that a collection box for money be passed round at every meeting, proceeds for the Social Settlement.

Reporting on the Settlement, Mrs. Short said the idea came into existence in November 25, 1937, as an experiment to find the solution of housing the poorer Chinese people in Hongkong.

Two reports were published by the original group who took over the Settlement, but at the end of last year this group felt they could not carry on longer. The P.P.U. then took it up as a piece of practical pacifist work.

Mrs. Short then told of the occupants and their occupations, the rent received for each cubicle and bed space, and the number of tenants present in the flats which were in Nos. 53 to 61 Wal Ching Street, Yau-mat.

Lectures had been given on birth control to the women some time ago, while visits have been made regularly to see that the premises are kept clean, said Mrs. Short.

Jumble Sale Arranged
Continuing, Mrs. Short said that a jumble sale had been arranged for May 12 at the Kowloon Union Church Hall to try and raise more money for the Settlement, and she hoped everyone would help by sending along their unwanted clothing.

Regarding the financial side of the Settlement, Mrs. Short said that \$82 per month was needed to keep it going, while the income from rents and other sources amounted to about \$66 monthly. She added that the P.P.U. had quite a number of generous donations in January which had enabled them to keep going until now.

The speaker for the next meeting on May 10 will be Dr. K. L. Reichelt, who will speak on "A Message of Peace from Madras," while members will meet at the Jordan Road form Kowloon, on May 17 at 8.45 p.m. for a visit to the Social Settlements.

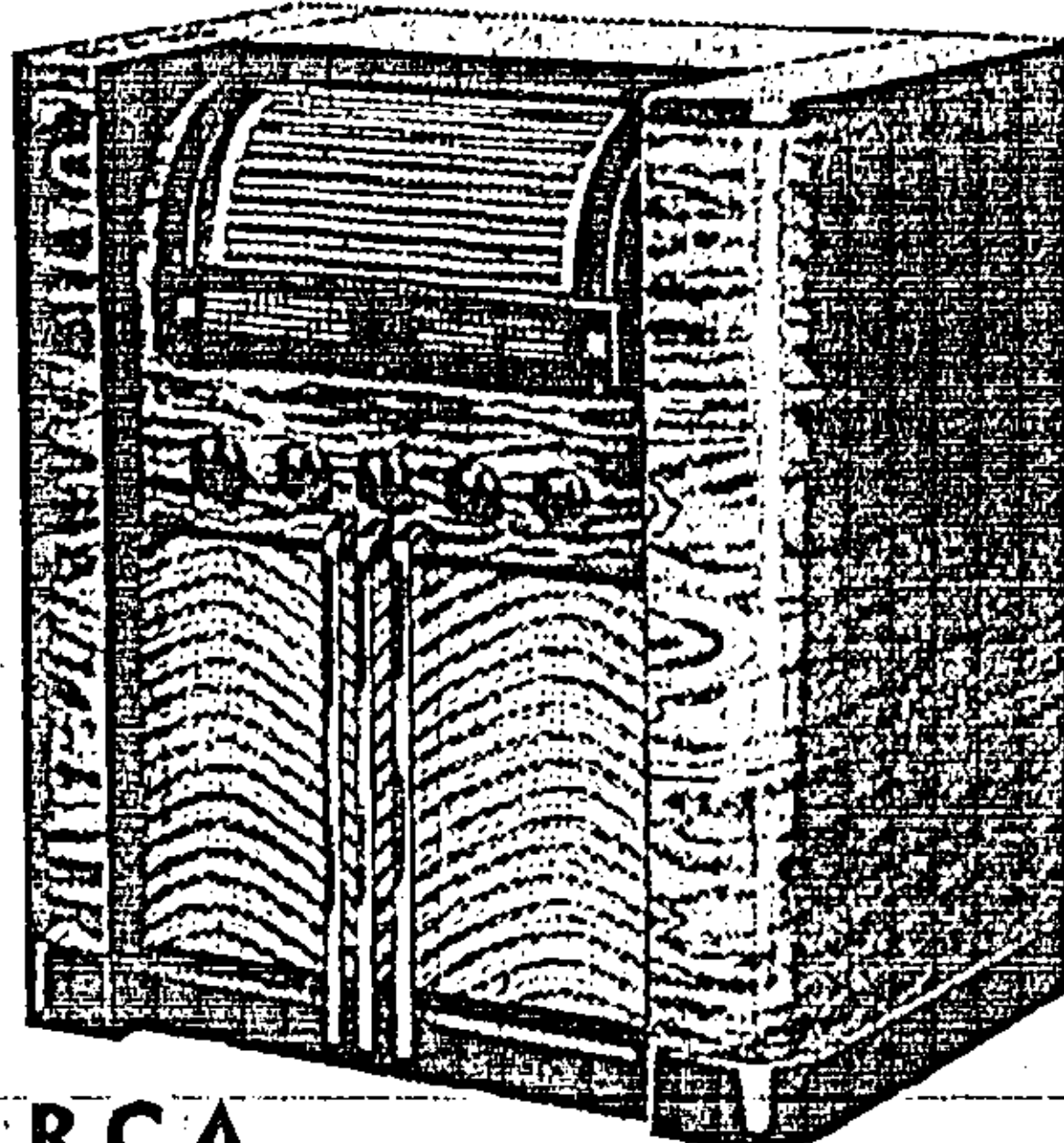
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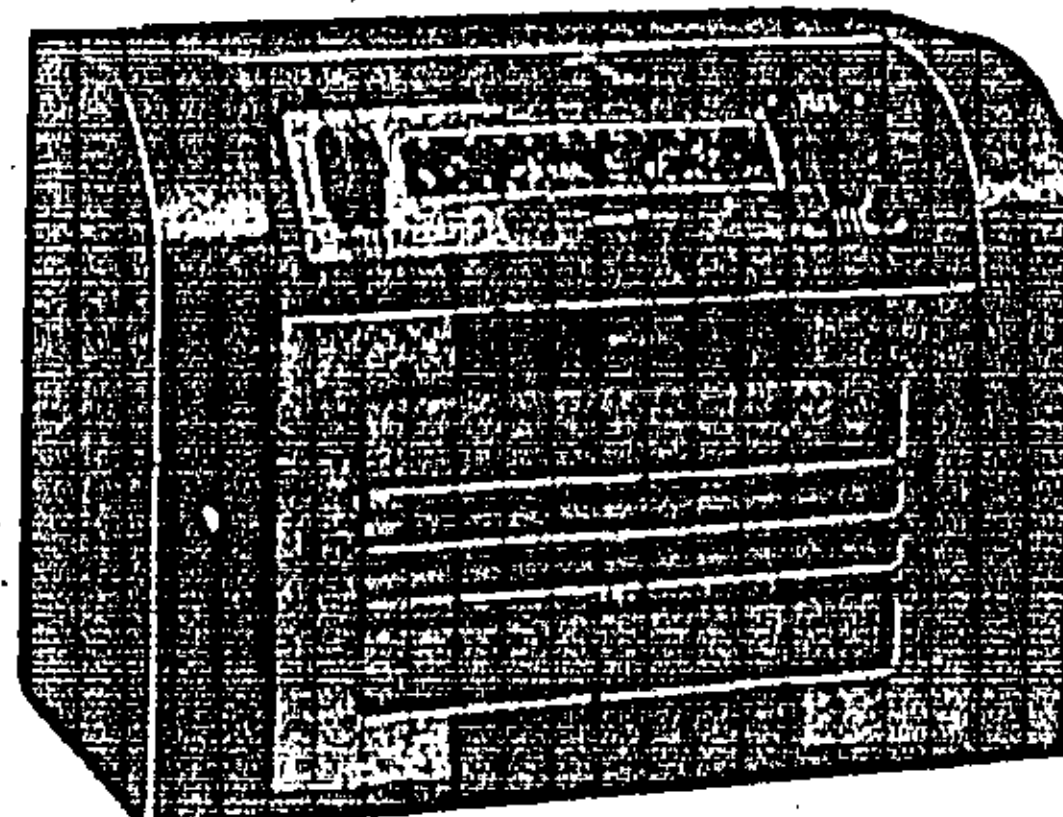
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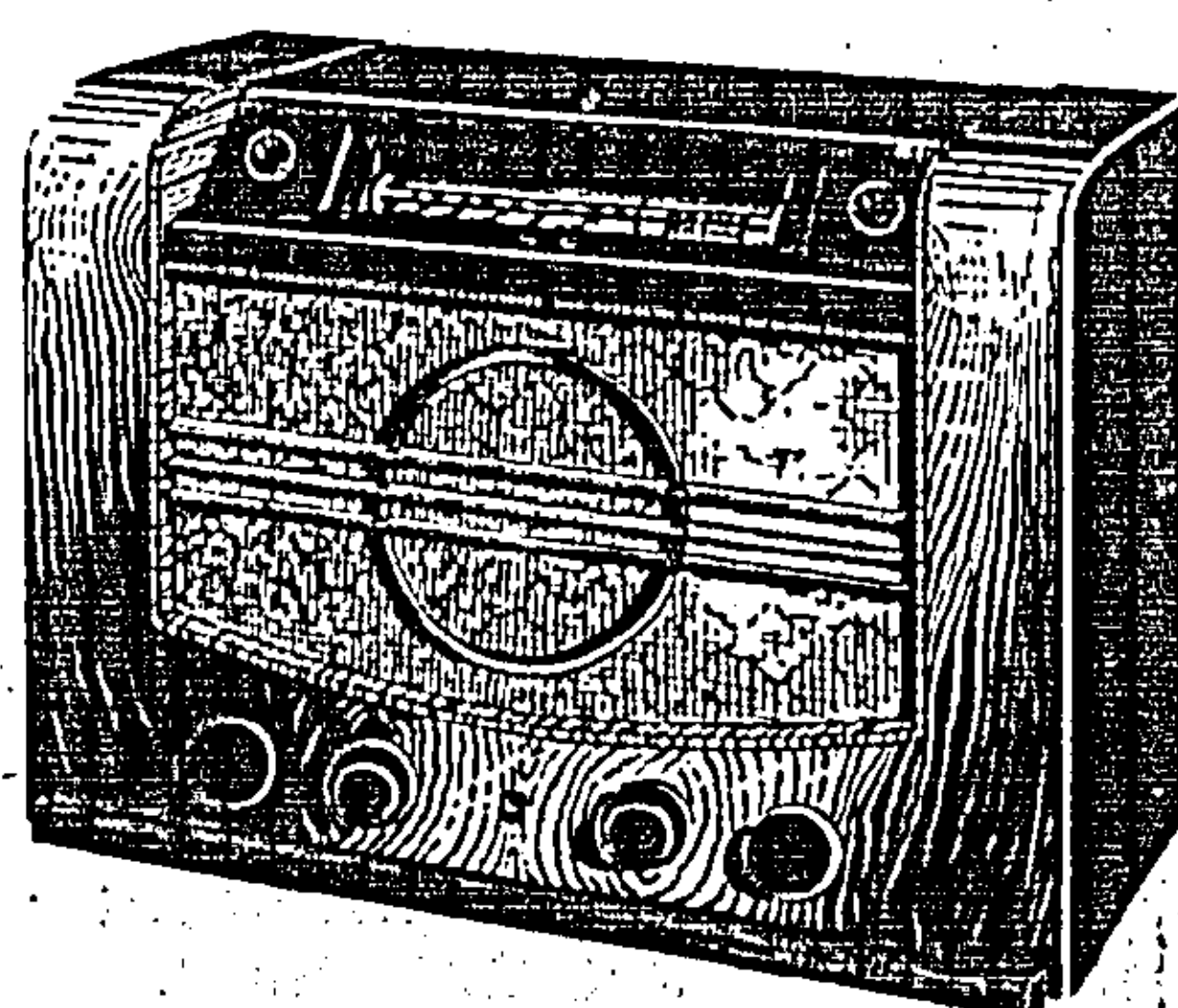
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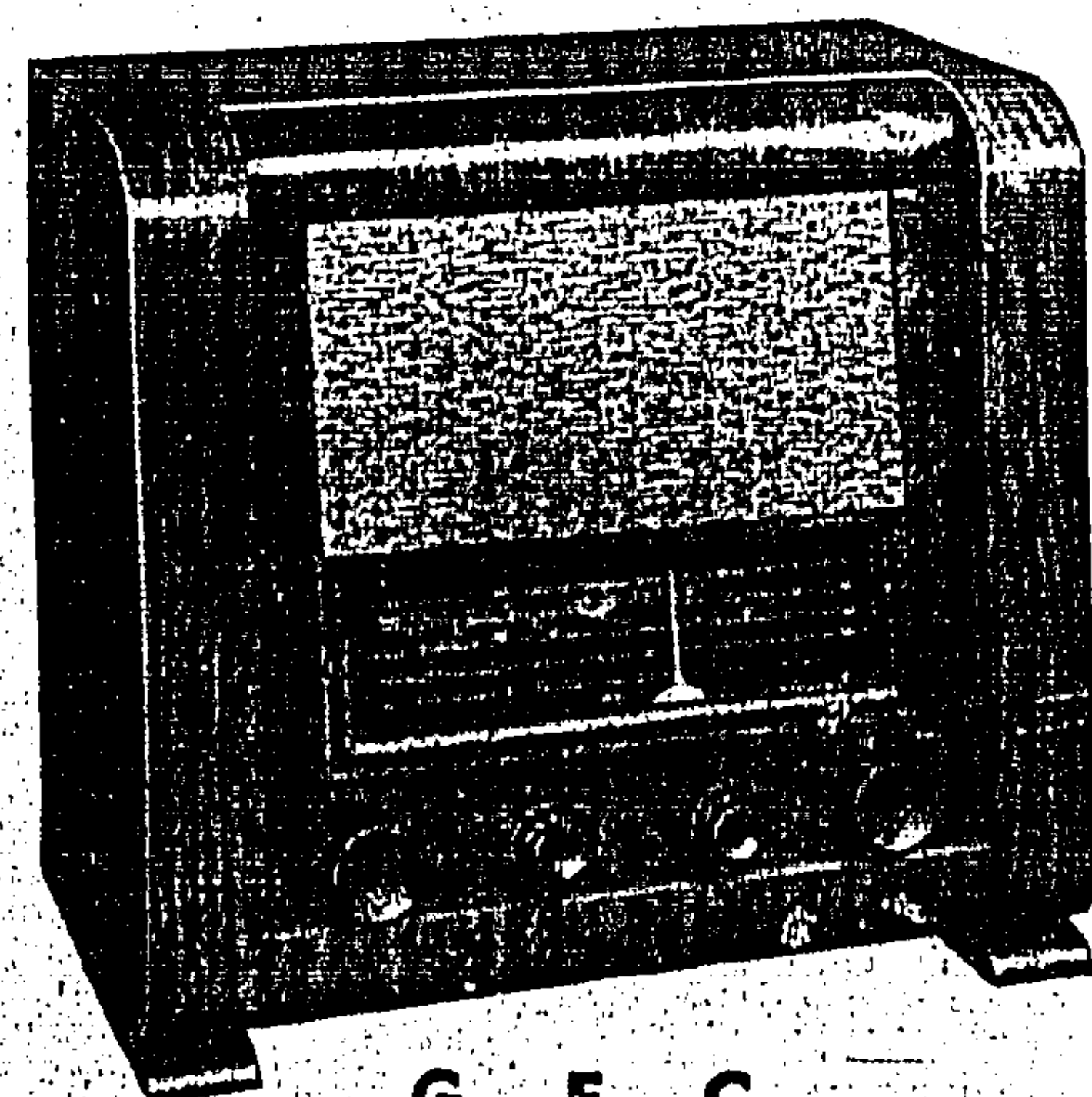


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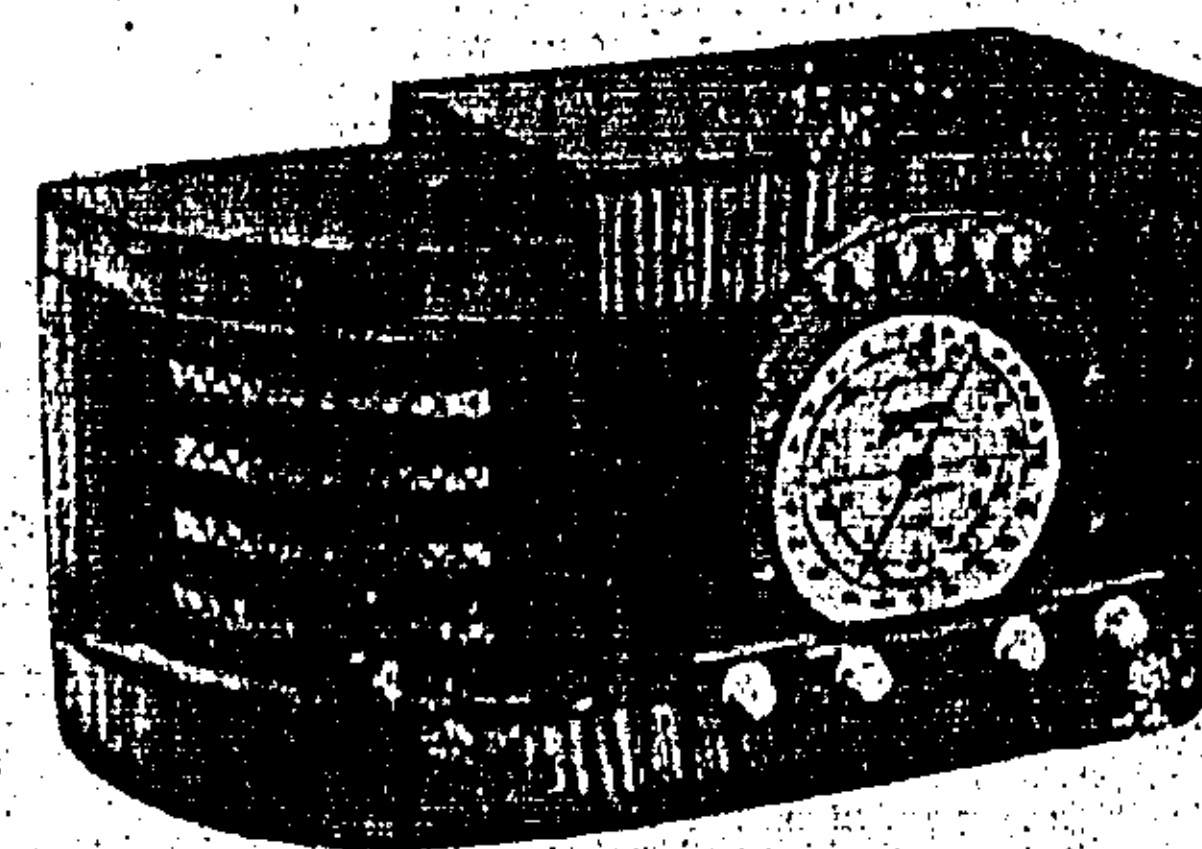
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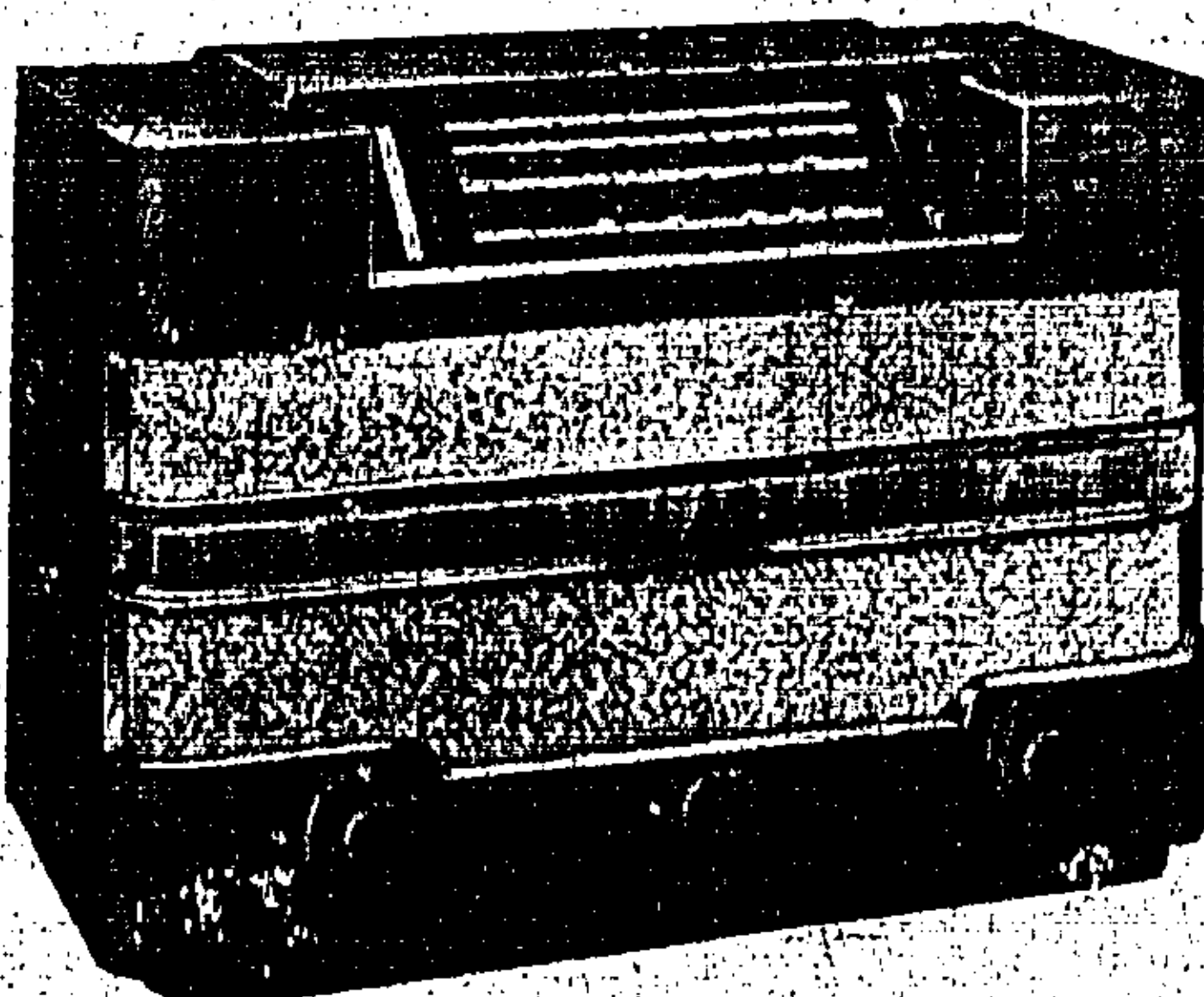
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LANGUAGE SCHOOL Failure Explained In Chamber Report

The discontinuation of the Chinese Language School was explained by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce in its annual report, which says that the reasons for the failure were lack of direction from a European Director of Studies, an insufficient number of pupils and lack of suitable accommodation.

The report states: The General Committee accepted, with regret, a recommendation by the Chinese Language School Sub-committee that the Chamber's classes in Cantonese Colloquial and Mandarin be discontinued as from November 30, 1938.

The Language School Committee's report, dated September 30, was as follows: "We have given careful consideration to the present working of the school and to its future. While convinced of the benefits to be derived from a good knowledge of the Chinese language and the necessity for the Chamber to provide facilities for the teaching thereof, the Sub-committee is forced to the lamentable conclusion that the school, as at present constituted, falls very short of the essential standard."

"Briefly, the School has failed for the following reasons: (1) Lack of direction from a European Director of Studies; (2) An insufficient number of pupils; (3) Lack of suitable accommodation."

"Careful consideration has already been given to ways and means of reorganization, and all members of the Chamber have been circumscribed in order to ascertain the prospects of obtaining new pupils. The response is most discouraging and such as to rule out, on financial grounds, any question of the employment of a European Director of Studies."

Funds Required

"In these circumstances, the Sub-committee has reached the conclusion that a school of adequate standard, and therefore requiring direction from a European Director of Studies, could be maintained with financial assistance from the Chamber. Unless the Chamber accepts the view that adequate facilities should be provided and is prepared to provide the funds therefore, the Sub-committee has, to its great regret, no alternative but to recommend that the School be discontinued as soon as conveniently possible."

"In submitting this recommendation, the Sub-committee suggests that as the present honorary examiners have signified their willingness to act, the Chamber should still provide facilities for examinations, and, in addition (for the benefit of enquirers) keep a register of qualified Chinese teachers known to them."

In accepting the Language School Committee's recommendation, the General Committee decided that a school should be issued annually to members, and if at any time there were indications of sufficient support, consideration would be given to reopening the School.

The Committee's decision to discontinue the classes was circulated to members on October 18 and it is estimated that the services of the honorary examiners in Cantonese were still available for the Final Certificate Examination, the requirement for which is that a student shall be able to conduct his everyday business through the medium of Cantonese. Members were also informed that arrangements could still be made whereby students could take in Hongkong the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce examinations in Mandarin and that a register of qualified Cantonese and Mandarin teachers known to the Chamber would be kept for the reference of members.

Representations to Government

Prior to the decision to discontinue the Chamber's classes a letter, dated June 7, had been addressed to Government stating that if a school for the teaching of the Chinese language to cadets and other civil servants was established by the Government, the Chamber would welcome the opportunity of considering with Government the merging of the Chamber's Language School with the new organization. In this connection, reference was made to the presence in Hongkong of Dr. Erwin Reifler, of Vienna University, and it was intimated that Dr. Reifler's methods had been tried in Hong Kong and found to be of great assistance to students.

The Government replied on June 28, as follows: "As you are probably aware it has for long been the practice to send Cadet Officers and Police Probationers to Canton or Macao for language study, and the syllabus laid down for their examinations makes individual tuition by single teachers almost essential. It is true that some years ago an attempt was made in connection with the Chinese School at the Hongkong University to conduct language classes for such officers, but this did not prove a success and the system of individual tuition was re-enforced. The Government has therefore no present intention of establishing such a school as is contemplated in your letter for the few officers concerned."

"As regards subordinate officers and others who (like most of the Chamber of Commerce students) must study the language after office hours, you have no doubt on record correspondence between your Chamber and this office between December 1933 and April 1934 which indicated that there was no response to the offer which was at the time circulated to all Departments of the Government. Here again, provided a candidate satisfies the examiners the Government is not disposed to enforce attendance at any school and indeed is of the opinion that for most of such candidates an hour with an individual Chinese teacher is preferable to an hour in a class however good the methods adopted in the latter case."

Commodity Index

Various Factors Keep
Figure High

London, May 3. Commenting on the fact that the United Kingdom staple commodity index is at present 141.8, compared with 135.1 one month ago, the Financial News points out that this is primarily due to the rise of sugar and tin, for which there are several explanations.

The former was affected by crop failures in Europe and India, the latter by the disappearance of Czechoslovakia's expected contribution to the free market, and rumours that United Kingdom stocks have to be maintained permanently at 500,000 tons.

The immediate cause of the rise of tin has been the sudden buying by the United States, due to fears that the shipping routes might be dislocated in the event of war, while the underlying cause has been the delayed revival of the United States tinplate industry.

The failure of other commodities to rise above what are market depression levels may be explained by three general causes, adds the writer.

First, there is the general check to speculative activity imparted by the political tension; second, the accumulation of very heavy stocks owing to last year's heavier armament demands this year have been fully offset by slackening business in America.

In these various ways, says the writer, sufficient slack has been created, even at existing levels of production, but once this slack has been taken up, there is still an enormous margin of unused capacity to be taken up before any substantial rise can occur.

It would be difficult to base a rather sudden advance in commodities upon any serious immediate expectation of inflationary trends, says The Times city columnist. There has been so far little sign of any real expansion in speculative activity in the big terminal markets such as would accompany expectations of that kind. The writer adds that tin and sugar are responsible for the recent rise in the index.—Reuter.

APPEAL FOR RENEWAL Expiration of All Pier Leases in 1949

An announcement by His Excellency the Governor on October 13, 1938, that it was not the present intention of the Government to renew existing pier leases, all of which expire on December 31, 1949, was the subject of representations to Government by the Chamber of Commerce, according to the Chamber's annual report.

Following representations were received on behalf of interests concerned: (1) That it is a matter of important principle that the development of the Harbour should be left in the hands of private enterprise which has been responsible for the growth and organization of the trade of Hongkong.

That it is essential to the prosperity of Hongkong that Harbour facilities be kept as cheap as possible, and experience elsewhere goes to show that this is most likely to be secured under private enterprise.

"I am to say that the Government has every sympathy with any movement which will increase the number of non-Chinese in the Colony who are known for their knowledge of the Chinese language and regrets that in this particular respect it is unable to give any practical assistance."

TRIP UP NORTH

Impressions Of
Visitor To
Japanese Cities

A local resident who recently made a trip up north writes of his impressions on conditions in Japan, Korea and Southern Manchuria. He writes as follows:

Hongkong has heard so many rumours about Japan and Japanese officials lately that it is difficult to know just what to believe. Judging by experience on a trip just completed through Japan, Korea and Southern Manchuria many of these rumours are exaggerations of the truth.

The frequency of customs and passport examination seemed rather ridiculous, but throughout the whole tour officials were unfavourably pleasant so long as they met with ordinary normal politeness. Tourists who show irritation are just a nuisance to fellow passengers, the official thoroughness which results meaning general hold up. Passport officials were thorough and took copious notes, but Customs officials seemed interested only in books and tobacco. In Japan, books were examined carefully, even children's comic papers were suspected, but throughout the whole tour no mention was made concerning cameras or photographs, not even in fortified zones. Police officials seemed doubly cautious in Korea, which was the only place where (to our knowledge) we were kept under observation.

Our "observer" accompanied us in the train right up to the Manchurian border. Actually this proved to be a great advantage as he set himself up to be a congenial companion and was full of information concerning the country.

The statement we often hear in Hongkong that "Japan wants to help China" is genuinely true as regards Japanese civilians. They know nothing of what is really going on in China, of course, and honestly cannot understand why China will not accept their help. They are so genuinely concerned about this that there is a movement amongst Tokyo residents to send a civil deputation to reason with Chiang Kai-shek. (It will be interesting to see if the Government allows such a gesture).

One gets the impression that civilians in Japan are rather anxious concerning affairs in China, in Korea they exhibit pride of Japanese citizenship. In Chefoo and sell them in Shanghai at 10 per cent. profit.

We have heard stories in Hongkong about Japanese soldiers making Chinese civilians bow or raise their hats. This is certainly done in North China but in consideration of the fact that it is only what the Japanese civilians do as a matter of course, the Japanese soldiers can hardly be accused in this matter of brutal assertion of authority. There were, however, some very brutal scenes in the earlier days of the war.

The general lasting impression of the trip is that the civilians in Japan, Korea and Manchuria have three totally different outlooks towards the war in China. The Japanese would be genuinely horrified if they knew the truth of what is happening in China, but it is doubtful if the Koreans would. The Manchurians are still a part of China under Japanese military control.

No short wave radio sets are allowed in Japan and in North China all Chinese owned sets, short and long wave, have been confiscated. Europeans in North China, however, continue to use short and long wave sets and are full of praise for the recent changes in Z.B.W. Our local announcer will be interested to know that one enthusiast in Chefoo says that reception from Hongkong is so strong that he has difficulty in telling whether news is from Hongkong or in English from Germany.

The Japanese say their best troops have not been sent to China, certainly the number of men of eligible military age in the streets is most noticeable. Travelling down Japan and up through Korea there were farewells to soldiers at almost every station, but there were never more than two or three soldiers at a time. There were also frequent pathetic scenes of ceremony over ashes returned from the front. In Manchuria every station was under armed guard—the Japanese have had very little success with Manchurian troops sent to occupied areas. A large proportion of them have de-



MOSLEM MEAT STALL



The Luen Hing Meat Stall (No. 186) at the new Central Market catering specially for Mohammedan meat begs to announce that it will not be able to open as fixed for to-day as the furniture is not ready. We apologise to our patrons for not being able to serve them to-day. The stall will be opened in a few days.

HELPING THE POLICE

Man's Claim When Charged
With Impersonation

Wong Mai, 20, unemployed, who claimed to be a Boy Scout, and who said it was his duty to help the authorities enforce the law, was charged before Mr. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday with impersonating a police officer and common assault on Kwok Hong, 22, house-boy. He pleaded not guilty to the first count but guilty to the second.

Kwok said that he was playing cards with friends in Bowring Street, Yaumati, on Tuesday, when Wong caught hold of his collar and struck him several blows on the chest, saying he was a policeman and that he was arresting him. He led him along the street, telling him that if he were taken to the police station he would be fined several dollars, and offering to let him go for \$1.

Kwok asked why he had been assaulted if all Wong wanted was money. Just then he saw a woman friend, borrowed 50 cents from her, and gave it to Wong, who released him. As Wong was walking away, Kwok asked for his money.

At that moment a Chinese, whom Kwok later discovered was a policeman, asked what was the matter. Kwok told him and Wong was arrested. Wong was searched and 50 cents found in his pocket, but when they reached the police station, the money was gone.

Said Man Cheated

Wong denied the allegations, declaring he had not told Kwok he was a policeman but that he was a Boy Scout. He alleged that the witness secured by Kwok had been taught his evidence. Wong claimed he was a member of the 15th Kowloon Troop of Scouts, and also that he had formerly been employed in the Royal Engineers. His sole object in taking Kwok to the police station was because the man had cheated at cards and also because he had been gambling.

"I consider it my duty to help the authorities," said Wong. "It is my duty as a Boy Scout to assist at fires and to prevent crime. I have been given testimonials by the Police for assisting in the arrest of miscreants. I was taking Kwok to the police station as I hoped to get a medal or a reward."

Convincing Wong, Mr. Macfadyen said he was quite satisfied he had assumed the character of a police officer.

Sgt. Johnston said there was no criminal record against Wong but he was well-known to the police as a notorious bully in the Yaumati district.

Mr. Macfadyen told Wong that his offence was a serious one. Many people were ignorant of the powers of the police, and those who had seen him accept the bribe and believed he was a policeman would hold a bad opinion of the Police Force and bring it to disrepute.

Wong was fined \$10, or a month's hard labour, on the first count, and bound over in \$10 for a year on the second.

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Straits	Conte Rosso	May 4.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, 20th April	Imperial Airways Plane	May 4.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kwangtung	May 4.
Japan	Shanghai	May 4.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 14th April)	Emp. of Japan	May 5.
Australia and Manila	Tanda	May 5.
Java	Tjilatjap	May 5.
Shanghai	Glenapp	May 5.
Shanghai	Gnelssau	May 5.
Tientsin and Swatow	Hupei	May 5.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kingyunn	May 5.
Straits	Pyritus	May 5.
Haiphong, Peking and Fort Bayard	Soochow	May 5.
Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru	May 5.
Calcutta and Straits	Yuen-sang	May 5.
Straits	Anhui	May 5.
Haiphong	Canton	May 7.
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Japan	Arabia Maru	May 8.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, 1st May	Imperial Airways Plane	May 8.
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Japan	Telcelas	May 8.
Java and Manila	Tiladane	May 8.
Calcutta and Straits	Sirdhana	May 8.
Australia and Manila	Talping	May 9.

For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow	Pronio	Thurs., May 4, 12.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Sarpen	Thurs., May 4, 4.30 p.m.
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Ord.	G.P.O.	May 4, 5.30 p.m.
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Friday		
Tientsin	Benalder	Fri., May 5, 8.30 a.m.
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Swatow	Loos	Fri., May 5, 1.00 p.m.
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Shanghai	Sulyang	Fri., May 5, 2.30 p.m.
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Saturday		
Shanghai	Tanda	Sat., May 6, 8.30 a.m.
Madang, Salamaua, Tulagi and Rabaul	Friderun	Sat., May 6, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "H. L. M. Airways Suwa Maru" Direct Service—due Amsterdam, 18th May	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., May 6, 1.30 p.m.
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Ord.	G.P.O.	May 6, 2.30 p.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon India, East Suwa Maru and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 6th June	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., May 6, 1.45 p.m.
Reg.	K.P.O.	May 6, 2.30 p.m.
Ord.	G.P.O.	May 6, 2.30 p.m.
Manila and Europe only for Germany via Hamburg	Gnelssau	Sat., May 6, 4.30 p.m.
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan	Haruna Maru	Sat., May 6, 5 p.m.
Sunday		
Fort Bayard and Peking	Kwangtung	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Shantung	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Haiphong	Talping	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Japan	Yuen-sang	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques and (Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban)	Arabia Maru	Sat., May 8, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—due London, 15th May	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., May 8, 4.30 p.m.
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Ord.	G.P.O.	May 8, 5.30 p.m.
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Tuesday		
Canton	Fathian	Tues., May 9, 7.15 a.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Yunnan	Tues., May 9, 12.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	Joan Dupuis	Tues., May 9, 2 p.m.
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The bolero is navy blue, the skirt and wide corselet are bright red, and the blouse white. (Molynex.)

PARIS.
IN Paris we have always liked the youthful line of the bolero. This season there is not one collection in which there are not innumerable

boleros in every material and every colour. Morning, afternoon and evening they are smart. There are some with rounded corners, others with square lines, still others have round collars so wide that they are almost capes.

FOR the morning one sees many plain-coloured boleros worn over Scotch plaid dresses. They are, of course, very short, so as to reveal the belt of the dress, which mounts very high, well above the waist. For ample skirts or pleated skirts it is a very appropriate garment, much more becoming, to my way of thinking, than a jacket.

IT was impossible to vary the line of boleros beyond a certain point. Square or round, long or short sleeved, they are always boleros. Therefore, it is in the fabrics, the colours and the trimming that an infinite variety reigns. I like enormously Piguet's boleros in navy blue wool lined throughout in white plaid. I suspect them, incidentally, of being reversible. This dressmaker has treated several models in this way. Some are lined with painted silk, others with wool in a different colour.

Schlapparelli has several boleros, and most of them have a special line, which gives the impression that there are two of them, one over the other. Molynex attaches a great importance to boleros. His are emphasised by a very wide belt in a colour different from that of the dress. Sometimes a very light bolero is worn over a dark dress, as in one model where a tatty pink moire bolero is worn over a very "daisy" black moire afternoon frock.

OVER the pleated lace dresses which many dressmakers show the long-sleeved bolero is especially suitable, as it serves to make the dress easier to wear.

Everywhere dinner dresses are covered by a bolero, more or less fitted, usually elaborately embroidered or brightened with multi-coloured palliottes. They are all long-sleeved and the dresses under them are deeply décolleté.

THE other evening I saw an elegant woman in a restaurant wearing a dress in dull black crepe whose severity was softened by a bolero in white cloth entirely studded with gold and turquoise.

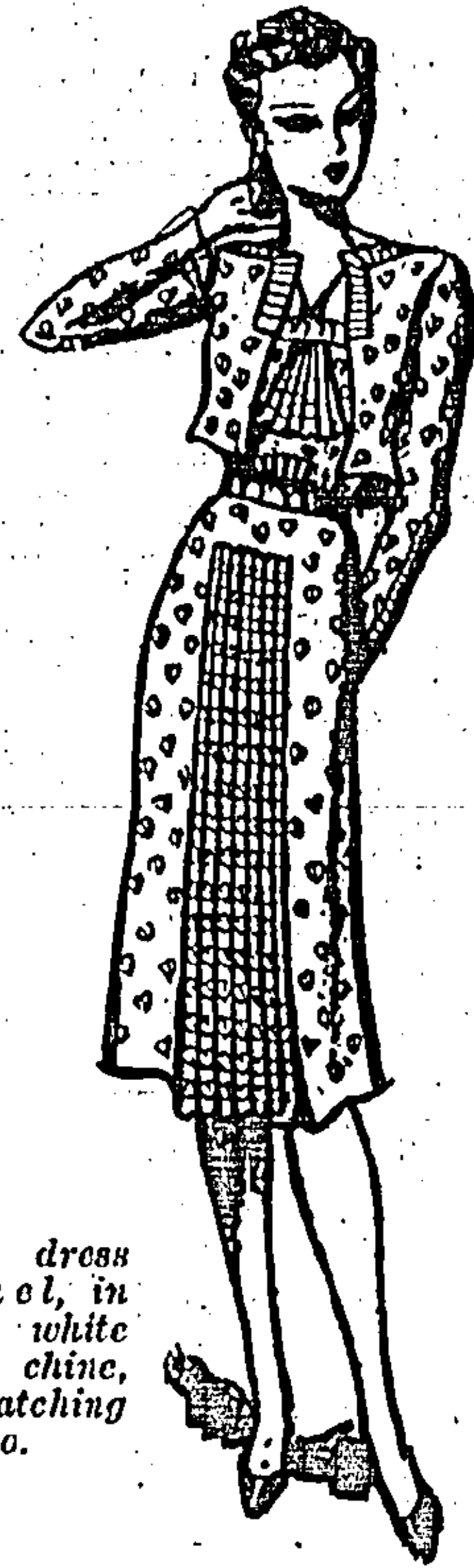
Of course, printed ensembles are numerous. The dressmakers, considerably helped by the fabric manufacturers, who have made really marvellous stuffs this season, have been able to profit by the design of the material, and even its coloured edge, to border the boleros in charming way.

Thus one often sees a dress printed in blue and white accompanied by a bolero printed in red and white outlined with the stuff of the dress. And if it is not an encrusted band, it is the stuff that is specially printed for this purpose.

Fashion insists, as you know, on a wasp waist this season, and your waist must be slender to wear a bolero with chic.

Furthermore, in my opinion, boleros are for the small or medium-sized woman, for big women, and very tall women, jackets are much more suitable.

It must be admitted, by the way, that just now fashion is made to suit women who are small, thin, and very, very young. Dressmakers seem to have forgotten that there are women who are not all, or none of these.



Afternoon dress by Chanel, in pink and white crepe de chine, with matching bolero.

DIETING FOR THE MIND

"MY diet does not allow potatoes, my dear." You hear remarks like this from many people at dinner-time, nowadays. If it is not potatoes it is bread, butter, meat, or some other food.

Dieting has come to be recognised as one of the most useful ways of toning up or healing the body. You can get a diet to put on weight, to reduce weight, to improve your skin, or to cure one of a dozen ailments.

But while perhaps one person in ten tries dieting at meals not one in a thousand dreams of dieting his or her mind. You never hear the remark, "Oh, I'm not allowed to read that," or "My doctor said I mustn't think that." Yet a mental diet can have quite as beneficial effects as a bodily diet, although, perhaps, it is harder to prescribe and certainly much harder to carry out.

The simplest diets generally reduce the quantity of food to be taken. It is said that most of our bodily ailments originate in over-eating. Most of our mental ailments probably result from over-indulgence of the emotions.

You can no more afford to allow yourself frequent outbursts of temper than you can allow yourself four huge meals a day. If you get fits of anger that shake you, leaving you exhausted, it is time you went on a diet.

Not only you, but those with whom you have daily contact, will benefit, for there is this difference between mental and bodily dieting, that while choosing your physical sustenance carefully helps no one but yourself, choosing your mental food makes life more pleasant for your friends and relations as well.

Keeping Temper in Control

Decide that you are not going to permit yourself to indulge in excessive emotion and your temper will begin to cure itself. Moreover you will achieve a certain joy in recalling that it is a week, a fortnight, or a month, since you had one of those

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fits of anger that confused your brain, or one of those fits of weeping that shook you like a storm. See the diet through for a month, and you will never be worried by it again.

You will encounter two difficulties. You will make your resolution and then find that when you fail for the first time, it will not be your fault. It will be someone else's fault. Don't you believe it. Other people can no more decide what you think or feel than they can decide what your reactions to certain foods shall be.

The other difficulty is the equivalent of "made up" dishes. People on a vegetarian diet may sometimes eat meat unknowingly in a made up dish. There are similar ways in which the very emotions and thoughts which wish to eliminate may creep into your mental diet. You may excuse your anger as "righteous indignation," your fits of depression as "facing facts." The great test is what you do next.

Indignation is only righteous when it is followed up by action. Facing facts implies action, not throwing in your hand. The excessive emotion you feel while you are waiting at a draughty steel corner for a friend who is five minutes late is not "righteous indignation," and gloomy contemplation of the possibility of losing your job is not "facing facts."

You may lose your job, but your thoughts would be better employed contemplating calmly the steps to be taken to get another one, and incidentally, considering how you can in future improve your usefulness so that your services are not easily dispensed with.

Common Modern Excesses

After excessive indulgence in temper and gloom the commonest

modern excess is probably excessive day-dreaming. This is encouraged by monotonous work in the home or office.

If you find yourself day-dreaming of what you would do if a fortune were left to you, what you would do if you were a great actress, or what you would do if you were not married, and so on, it is time you went on a diet. Over-indulgence spoils the palate—and you will find the same applies to day-dreams.

For a week try deliberately pulling yourself up every time you begin to day-dream. Consider how actually remote are the chances of your waking to find yourself a rich woman to-morrow. Or turn the dream to rather more practical channels. Dream if you like, of growing a fifty-pound marrow, and start to-morrow getting the garden ready for it! Do not dream of altered circumstances in your life. This is not a matter for dreaming, but thinking.

Control and Reading

How much do you read? A book a day, a book a week? Many people read too much and think too little, and this applies to all kinds of books, fiction and fact. One meal follows on another without a pause. Try a diet in which you leave yourself a day or two between books, time to digest what you have read. If you say that the kind of book you read does not call for thinking, try a different kind of book. The change need not be violent.

If you read nothing but romantic novels, try a biography. If your diet has been entirely of fiction, try a book of essays for a change. You will probably be surprised to find that they can interest you, and you will certainly return to your staple food with added zest.

People who read purely to pass the time need a diet like this sometimes. The reader of serious books needs the diet as much as the reader of fiction—a little starving gives her

Economies Worth Trying

ODDMENTS of elastic make good tabs for tea cloths and hand towels. These loops will withstand strain better than tape.

When small pieces of soap have accumulated, place in a muslin bag and plunge into hot water. Leave for a few minutes until the soap feels soft, remove from the water and form into a ball. Lay the soap in a bath of cold water until hard when it is ready for use.

Scraps of soap may also be utilised for wash-day if formed into a jelly. Place in an old pan, cover with water and allow to simmer gently until quite dissolved. When cold, a fine jelly will form which keeps indefinitely and which whips into a soft, deep lather.

The waxed paper from loaves makes an excellent polish for linoleum or stained floors. The paper does not absorb polish wastefully like a cloth and each piece should be burnt when soiled.

To Tempt Tired Appetites

AFTER boiling-ham in the usual way until almost tender, take it out of the water, press apple parings over the surface and wrap in buttered paper. Then bake it in a moderate oven for half an hour. Its flavour will be delicious, and quite new.

Apple parings also give a novel flavour to broths and soups. Strain them out, of course, before serving the soup. When cooking dried peas or beans, add half a cupful of vinegar, sweetened with a good teaspoonful of sugar, to the boiling water half an hour before serving.

Bacon rinds put into a saucepan, covered with water and brought to the boil make a tasty stock for soup, lentils, and other vegetable soups. Let the liquid simmer for an hour, leave it undisturbed till cold, then strain off the fat and remove the rinds. A few cloves can be added with the rinds if liked.

Mint, parsley, and young celery leaves, chopped finely, give a piquant flavour to buttered eggs.

mind time to put the facts she has gathered in their proper place.

The Habit of Making Excuses

Do you make excuses for yourself? It can become quite a habit. You excuse the slowness of your progress at the office by the lack of education your parents gave you, or the untidy state of your garden by the cold (or hot) weather, and so on. Try a diet of making excuses for other people. Instead of working yourself up into a rage because your train is four minutes late, think of the hundred-and-one little things that might be delaying it.

Instead of scowling at the office-boy when he brings you cake instead of biscuits, consider that he would probably be in your place if he had had half your education. And when you feel that you have been handicapped throughout your career by lack of capital, think of the millions of people who balance their weekly budgets by a shilling.

There are a hundred other mental ailments, from fits of irritability to fits of depression, that can be cured by a diet. You may be one of those happy people who have learned early the wisdom of moderation in mental indulgence, and need no diet. But most people take their mental meals like gluttons, hardly pausing to look at the menu, simply taking each course as it is put before them. They do not find that a well-balanced diet, even for a month, would become a habit and possibly open up hitherto undreamt-of pleasures.

Grooming For Garments

SOILED suede gloves should be cleaned with suede powder mixed to a paste with turpentine. Rub into the leather and brush off. To simplify treating the fingers, place the handle of a wooden spoon in each before cleaning.

When washing chamols gloves, use almost cold, soapy water to which has been added two teaspoonfuls of glycerine or olive oil. Squeeze through the suds and hang up in a cool place, without rinsing. This treatment keeps wash leather soft and pliable indefinitely.

Light furs will be made fresh and clean if laid in a deep box and generous handfuls of calcined magnesite well rubbed in. Leave overnight and next day shake and brush the furs well.

When suede coats look soiled, rub them over with a piece of gum arabic, obtainable from all chemists. The pile can be raised where necessary with a fine wire brush.

Felt and velour hats usually show grease marks in spring sunshine. Dip in clean rag in benzine and go over the surface thoroughly, paying special attention to any stains. Hang in the open air for two days.

To clean light shoes which have become dark, sponge with warm water containing a little turpentine. When dry, rub the leather with the inside of a banana skin, then polish in the usual way.

To remove rainspots from velour or any heavy material, steam with boiling water and shake till dry.

Gold and silver dance slippers which have tarnished may regain their earlier brilliance if rubbed over with a little methylated spirit which contains a few drops of ammonia.

When silks and crepes look limp and crushed after washing, add a good handful of sugar or borax to their rinsing water. Iron while damp over thin muslin.



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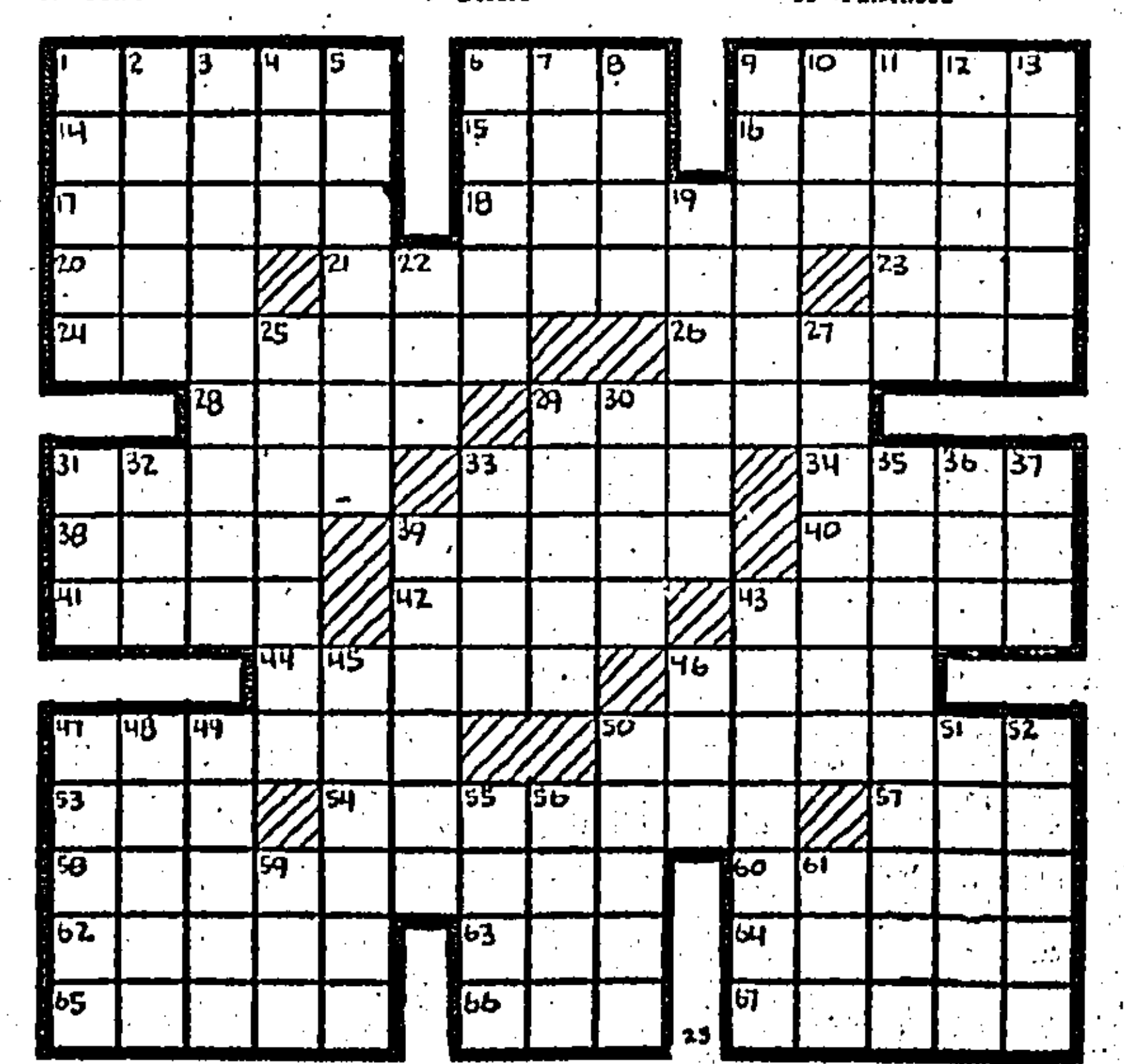
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ACROSS

- 1—Anastasia
- 2—Mistake
- 3—Wrecked
- 4—Cutting tool
- 5—Rope
- 6—Pillage
- 7—European
- 8—Who carries
- 9—Small breed of dog
- 10—Cullerian
- 11—Hot trash
- 12—Exposure to view
- 13—Vague size of
- 14—Keep from striking
- 15—Guide
- 16—Keep three
- 17—Destiny
- 18—Learn (philosophy)
- 19—Distributed
- 20—More natural
- 21—Prying animal
- 22—Dances
- 23—Quies
- 24—Farmer
- 25—Source of milk
- 26—Matters up on
- 27—Eruptant
- 28—Fruit

DOWN

- 1—Hawbill turtle
- 2—Dirt and
- 3—Risen again
- 4—Before
- 5—Partake of
- 6—Saltwater
- 7—Dance
- 8—Strong crew
- 9—Performance
- 10—Narrow passages of
- 11—More unskilled
- 12—Bears of garden
- 13—Right of sun
- 14—Fleeting curve
- 15—Monks' invader
- 16—Scene of action
- 17—Adjust once more
- 18—Annoying creature
- 19—Renounce
- 20—Complicate form
- 21—Olives
- 22—Those who repose
- 23—Pertaining to sun
- 24—Always from
- 25—Vegetable
- 26—Box
- 27—Wise out
- 28—Disturb
- 29—Pitiful saying
- 30—Matters
- 31—Bread out
- 32—Add as supplement
- 33—Porrid
- 34—More crippled
- 35—Common fruit
- 36—Mistake
- 37—Cast ballot
- 38—Water cress
- 39—On the ocean
- 40—Bleak mamma
- 41—Plain area
- 42—Falmouth



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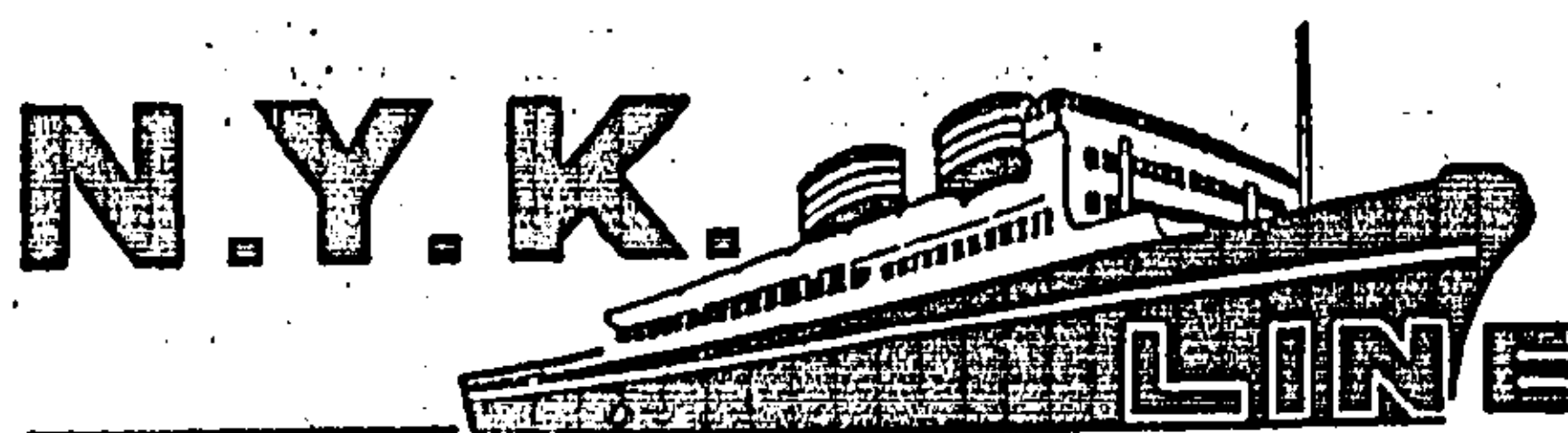
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IN A DOORWAY OF BUCKINGHAM PALACE: A new portrait of King George VI with Princess Elizabeth, who celebrated her thirteenth birthday on April 21, and Princess Margaret, who is now over eight and a half years old. On left—The two Princesses are seen posing by themselves and on right they are seated together at a piano

KING GEORGE VI AND HIS DAUGHTERS



CAMERON TARTAN SKIRTS WITH KILAKI TUNICS AND CAPS constitute the new uniform of the Inverness branch of the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service, and here we see Mrs. Fraser-Tyler, of Aldourie Castle, and Lady Maud Ballie, the Commandant, wearing these smart outfits.



"WE'VE GOT TO BE PREPARED" runs the boldly displayed poster outside London's Royal Exchange. It is one of a number—all of giant dimensions—that have been put up in the metropolis to aid the big drive for National Service recruits. Recruiting has been stimulated still further by the recent disturbing character of international news.

Possession Claim

Landlord Wants Shops For Re-building

A claim for possession was heard by Mr. Justice Lindell in the Summary Court yesterday when Woo Chai-tuen claimed possession of 169, Lanchuk Road, Shamshuipo, ground floor, from the Fung Kai Kee firm, which rented the premises at \$40 a month on a monthly tenancy.
Mr. C. d'Almada was for plaintiff, and Mr. J. M. Hall represented Fung Kai, proprietor of defendant firm.
Mr. Hall pointed out that one of his witnesses had to be subpoenaed because plaintiff had attempted to persuade him not to give evidence.
Mr. d'Almada remarked that if Mr. Hall hoped to prejudice the mind of the Court by raising the point at this juncture he was rather optimistic. What Mr. Hall should have done, he said, was to make his suggestion when the witness entered the witness-box.
Mr. Justice Lindell said he would make a note of it, at the same time pointing out to Mr. Hall that as he was relying on the Eviction Ordinance the onus was on him to prove his case.
Mr. Hall agreed and said that he was not disputing the notice to quit. His defence was that before his client rented the premises in January, 1935, he entered into an agreement with the then owner, Leung Yau, whereby the front portion of the place was to be used for the purpose of his business as clock and watch repairer, and the rear portion as a dwelling for his family. That arrangement was recorded in the first rent receipt issued by Leung.
The premises were comparatively new, having been built in 1924, and his client would say that there was no occasion for plaintiff to have them reconstructed. Defendant would also say that he had made many efforts to find alternative accommodation, but without success.

Question of Hardship
"I wish," continued Mr. Hall, "to ask your Lordship to adjudge who will suffer greater hardship—the landlord or the tenant. I submit that the landlord does not suffer greater hardship than the tenant because he has counted the chickens before they were hatched—before he actually knew he could obtain possession he entered into building contracts for the reconstruction of the premises. Plaintiff would plead greater hardship as a result of the suit, but I submit that since he has counted the chickens before they were hatched by entering into building contracts before he obtained possession, any loss he may sustain, if your Lordship refuse the order, is entirely his own fault, which he could easily have avoided." Fung Kai gave evidence of the arrangement he made with the previous owner and added that the building was strong and safe and needed no reconstruction.
After the notice to quit, he paid his rent to plaintiff's agent, Kwong Sung-sheng who he said it and told him that if he wanted to remain in possession he would have to pay a higher rent.
Cross-examined, defendant denied that the arrangement mentioned in the rent receipt was recorded by himself. Following receipt of the notice to quit, he saw plaintiff, who at first demanded an increase of rent

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to \$65 but eventually reduced it to \$50. Defendant agreed to pay this amount but plaintiff refused to give a written proof of his acceptance and the matter ended there.

Mr. d'Almada: I put it to you that you agreed to take over the premises after reconstruction at \$40 a month and that was why plaintiff went on with the reconstruction?—I did promise that, but I told him I would not quit until I found alternative accommodation. I have looked everywhere but cannot find any.

In answer to His Lordship, defendant said he was a family of nine. He made the arrangement with the previous owner about the sub-division of the premises as a shop and a dwelling because he was afraid the owner might think he would sub-let to other people.

Witness said that he did not know plaintiff, but someone told him to go to his house, while he was absent, and request his family to tell him not to give evidence.

Questioned by Mr. d'Almada, witness said he sold the premises to the plaintiff through an agent. Shortly after the sale he went with the defendant to see plaintiff for the purpose of asking him to re-let the premises to defendant after reconstruction.

Hearing was adjourned to May 25.



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EMPIRE NEWS

INDIAN AGITATION IN KENYA

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Agitation over the recent Order in Council, by which Indian subjects of Britain are still excluded from settling in the Highlands of Kenya, is increasing following the protest to the Government of India.

Propaganda is being prepared and pamphlets printed in many languages. German Ammunition - An ammunition dump has been discovered in the Rufiji Delta in Tanganyika. It is stated that the arms were buried by the Germans at the end of the fighting there during the Great War, and it is believed that many similar dumps exist in Tanganyika, the whereabouts of which are known only to the Germans.

Czech in Mombasa - One result of the German occupation of Czechoslovakia has been that many Czechs living in Mombasa have become German citizens. Although they have repeatedly attempted to gain British nationality, this has never been granted.

AUSTRALIA

WOMEN'S SERVICE IN WAR-TIME

The Minister for Defence, Brig. A. G. Street, states that, under the voluntary national register of women for service in time of war, there will be councils in each State for the registration of women in classes, according to age and qualifications.

The service that women will be called upon to undertake will include the provision of supplies for combatants, organisation of hostels, rest homes, reading rooms and coffee stalls, entertainment, car driving, air raid precautions, censorship and interpreters' work.

SOUTH AFRICA

MANY FACTORIES TO MANUFACTURE ARMS

CAPE TOWN.
Arrangements have been completed for the manufacture in bulk of both field artillery and ammunition by factories in South Africa. The factories will be situated mainly on the Rand.

The various component parts will be turned out by different factories, and the assembling done by the Union Department of Defence.

Aid for British Cars - The tale of British cars in South Africa will be greatly encouraged by a new system of rated duties, which, it is understood, will be introduced shortly.

LATE NEWS

Only 12 Men Know How It Is Done

A GREAT experiment which is likely to guarantee for Britain complete petrol and oil supplies for her Air Force, Navy, and mechanised Army without the need for oil from abroad is now nearing a successful completion.

Government experts who have watched the experiment from its earliest stages are satisfied that the new process is practicable. Only 12 men know the secret.

They have checked every stage of the experiment, and so satisfied are they that, on behalf of the Government, they have obtained an agreement for first rights in the invention. Up till now the closest secrecy has been maintained. All that is known is that the works where the experiments have taken place are in North England—but not at Billingham-on-Tees, where existing oil-from-coal plants are located.

It is known, too, that the new process is radically different from any now in operation. It is stated that low-grade coal—practically unusable—will become valuable as the raw material of new oil.

The first oil to be produced by the new process was a heavy grade suitable for Diesel engines (used in tanks and submarines). Then a fuel oil suitable for burning

Toledo To Enlarge Zoo

Toledo, O.
City council has appropriated \$83,100 for new construction at Toledo's zoo. The aquarium will be completed and a new botanical conservatory constructed with the money, most of which will be sponsored by WPA work.

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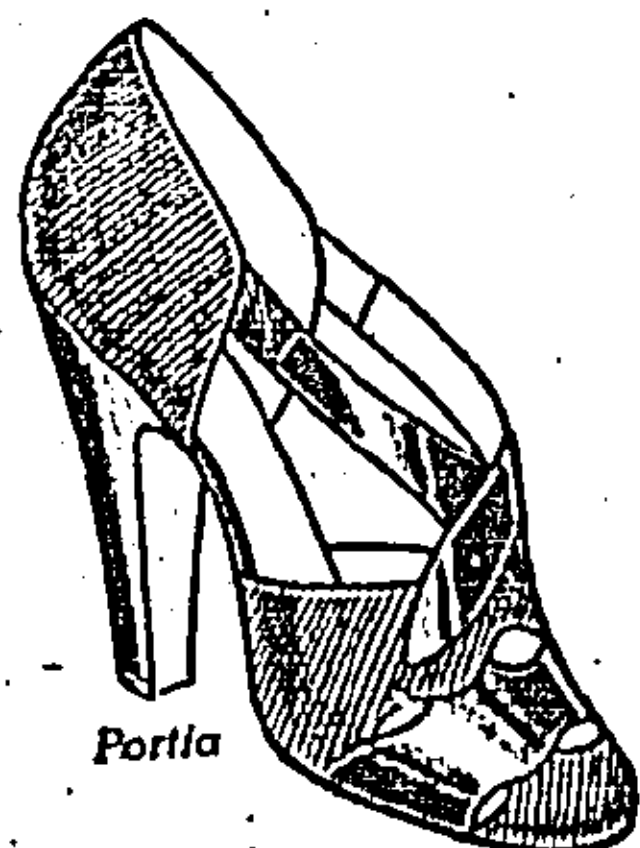
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The navy doesn't like to have the names of its ships cluttered up with too many 'S's. As a consequence, when the new United States submarine "Swordfish" is launched here, one of the "S's" in its name, U.S.S. "Swordfish" will be eliminated. Just at present, it is not known just what "S" will be deleted.

Rival Anglers

Euron, Australia.
Twenty-two fishermen here are inclined to suspect that fish have a sense of humour. They are members of two rival angling clubs and staged a fishing competition. But the only fish caught was a 144-pound perch. The "lucky" contestant who caught it not only won the match but was awarded the trophy for the biggest catch.

QUEEN GERALDINE

Istanbul, May 3.
King Zog and his sisters, and Queen Geraldine and her baby have arrived here with 70 leading Albanians.—Reuter.

HONOUR FOR GENERAL

London, May 3.
The King has invested Major-General Telford Smollett, as Companion of the Order of the Bath.—Reuter.

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A FEW NOTES ABOUT THE LUNAR ECLIPSE

THE MOON kept to the "time-table" of last night's eclipse and entered the earth's shadow punctually at 8.20 p.m.
A few minutes later the obscuring shadow crept over the bottom left-hand limb of the moon and it was entirely in the shadow at 11.11 p.m. and theoretically totally eclipsed.
However, however, saw nothing of the eclipse although it became evident that something was afoot by the blackout.
Clouds completely obscured the moon during the entire period of eclipse, and attempts to witness the proceedings failed.
A "Telegraph" reporter, assigned to "cover" the eclipse, writes: "I didn't see the eclipse. Nobody saw the eclipse. But I don't think it matters. All the Royal Observatory officials and astronomers know exactly what was happening, anyway!"

SHANGHAI CRISIS

JAPAN PRESENTS DEMANDS

TOKYO, May 4.
PROPOSALS FOR a drastic revision in the administrative structure of the International Settlement in Shanghai were presented yesterday to the Ambassador of Great Britain and the United States by Mr. Sawada, vice-minister for Foreign Affairs.

In the proposals Japan complains *inter alia*, that the election system to the Shanghai Municipal Council was undemocratic.

He contended that the British monopolised the important offices and tended to act in an "oligarchical" manner.

Mr. Sawada added that essential land regulations must be brought up to date to meet new conditions, and the Municipal Council must be reformed to represent more fairly the various interested nationalities, particularly must Japanese representation be increased.

The British and American Ambassadors are conveying Mr. Sawada's views to their governments. —Reuter.

BOYCOTT OF JAPAN

Startling Action By France

PARIS, May 3.
The French Government to-day published a decree banning all Japanese imports with the exception of silk and camphor.

The decree will become effective on May 10. —United Press.

Roosevelt To Ignore Speech

But Will Strengthen Ties With Britain

WASHINGTON, May 3.
ACCORDING TO authoritative quarters, President Roosevelt's only reply to Herr Hitler's speech will be a recommendation to Congress for a new Cash-and-Carry Neutrality Law.

In the event of war, the projected measure would make American arms available to Britain and France, who presumably would pay the necessary cash.

The President, it is stated, has decided against a rebuttal statement to Herr Hitler.
A White House secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, remarked: "When you get a situation that seems a little better balanced, why tip the scales." —Reuter.

Defence Bill Signed

Washington, May 3.
President Roosevelt to-day signed the \$153,000,000 defence bill.
The total will be immediately available in appropriations and contract authorisations for "efficient" defence items for the army, sea and coast defence, and fleet expansion.
Meanwhile the naval committee of the House of Representatives recommended legislation to authorise the expenditure of \$5,000,000 for the complete modernisation of five battleships. —Reuter.



JOHN BARRYMORE

MOVIE THRILLER: PART VIII

SYNOPSIS: John Barrymore, fifty-seven-year-old four-times married actor, believes his fourth wife is jealous of him. He is married to Elaine Barre, 22-year-old, pretty-lipped, co-ed who hoped to succeed where three other women failed.

They quarrel, start innumerable divorce proceedings, patch it up.

They chase each other across the countryside in efforts at reconciliation. Now read on.

TO-DAY'S instalment of this thrilling serial comes as hot news from a "United Press" correspondent in New York.

Royal Jack to-day asked the New York Supreme Court to give him a legal separation from his dark-eyed wife.

Meanwhile, Barrymore is seeking refuge with his trainer, Ken Kelly. According to reports, he refuses to go back to Elaine on bent knees to promise he will be good, declaring the habits of a lifetime are not going to be subdued to the whims of a school-child.

"Great Lover"

Elaine only recently dropped her own divorce proceedings in which she alleged the middle-aged "great lover" of a number of things, including:

1.—Inhuman conduct and extreme mental cruelty.

2.—Calling her indecent, profane and opprobrious names.

3.—Threatening to kill or maim her; and

4.—Striking her at a party.

In her petition Elaine asked for temporary alimony—John is already paying \$170 a month to his third wife, Dolores Costello and undisclosed amounts to the other two—of \$10,000.

Martyrdom

She dropped her air of martyrdom when asked who was to be her next Caliban.

"Don't tell me life is made up of a series of those," she snapped.

In his counter-petition to-day, John seeks an accounting of his \$300,000 fortune held jointly in his and Elaine's names.

He has coupled the names of Elaine's parents in his suit.

(To be continued.)

German Airmen Leave Taihoku

TOKYO, May 4.—The German Junkers JU-52 monoplane piloted by Baron von Gablenz, director of the Luftwaffe Aircraft Company, which stayed here overnight, hopped off at 3.00 a.m. for Tokyo to cover the last stage of its flight from Berlin. The plane will reach Tokyo at 2 p.m.—Domei.

LITVINOFF RETIREMENT CREATES SENSATION

MOSCOW, May 3.

A SENSATION has been created in diplomatic and political circles in London at reports that the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Maxim Litvinoff, has resigned.

The report is confirmed by the official Tass News Agency, which reports that M. Litvinoff has been "released from his post as Foreign Commissar at his own request."

M. Litvinoff will be succeeded by M. V. M. Molotov, President of the Council of Peoples' Commissars.

"Full reasons for the change have not yet been explained," says the "Tass" report.

After the Bolsheviks gained power in 1917, Litvinoff became their unofficial representative in England. One of the most interesting episodes in his career occurred when, a few months later, he was exchanged—almost as a hostage of war—

for Bruce Lockhart, the unofficial British representative in Moscow, whom the Bolsheviks had arrested.

When he returned to Moscow, Litvinoff was almost immediately made Foreign Commissar, and has retained the post for over 20 years.

His wife was an Englishwoman, Ivy Low. —United Press.

No Information

Moscow, May 3.
Authentic information regarding the reasons and implications of M. Litvinoff's resignation is at present withheld.

The announcement was made in the following form in a Tass communication:

"The presidium of the supreme Soviet has appointed the chairman of the Council of Commissars, M. Molotov, to be concurrently Commissar for Foreign Affairs and has

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EXPULSION MANIA

Germany Retaliates Against Britain

BERLIN, May 3.
SIX BRITISH subjects resident in Germany have received orders from the German Government to leave.

The expulsions are direct reprisals for the expulsion of six Germans from Great Britain.

The British Embassy has been informed that all the expelled Britons must leave by May 24.

Those expelled are Mr. H. C. Greene, chief correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," a businessman, an engineer, a language teacher, and two directors of companies.

Further Threats

It is made clear that further "unjustifiable" expulsions by Britain would be followed by further German reprisals.

Government circles told the British Embassy that the expulsion of Mr. Greene implied no imputation against his work as a correspondent, but was merely a reprisal for the expulsion of the London correspondent of the "National Zeitung." —Reuter.

Belgium Joins In

Brussels, May 3.
The Belgian Government has expelled a German journalist, who is also head of various German organisations in the country. —Reuter.

Goebbels' Tirade

Berlin, May 3.
"We shall pay back doubly and trebly," declares Dr. Josef Goebbels in the newspaper "Angriff," referring to the expulsion of Germans from Great Britain.

The paper adds: "London! Note that our patience is exhausted in this matter also. We shall reply to the expulsions in the only way possible. Nobody shall come then and reach us!"

The "Angriff" attributes the expulsions from Great Britain to the "Jewish-Liberal influence." —Reuter.

NO INTERFERENCE BY BRITAIN POLAND MASTER OF OWN DESTINY

LONDON, May 3.

THE BRITISH Government will leave Poland a completely free hand in her dispute with Germany, and will make no attempt to influence the Polish Government's decision as to what is considered "vital Polish interests," according to the Diplomatic Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph." —Trans-Ocean.

POLAND'S MIGHT WARSAW, May 3.

With a million troops massed on the German frontier, Poland, to-day celebrated their Constitution Day with elaborate parades and manifestations of national unity.

Crowds along the parade route shouted "Long Live Poland! Down With Aggressors!"

Festivities in the Corridor were especially tense. At Gdynia, the port which almost adjoins Danzig, soldiers and the crowd shouted "We are defending Poland's access to the sea with blood." —United Press.

Rothermore's Warning

London, May 4.
Poland's attitude regarding Danzig is regarded here half anxiously, half admiringly.

The British hold the view that Poland is well to judge its own vital interests in the matter of Danzig and the Corridor.

The Polish Foreign Minister is considered to have a "cool head," hence it is foreseen that his statement on Friday, while being firm and resolute, will be conciliatory.

The press generally deprecates the reports that Poland will demand the protectorate of Danzig, but Lord Rothermore in to-day's "Daily Mail" and "Daily Sketch" editorially warns Poland against "exaggerated claims" and a "truculent attitude." —United Press.

Relations Worsen

BERLIN, May 3.—Polish-German relations are worse.
To-day's Berlin press strongly warned Warsaw against rejecting Hitler's demands. —United Press.

Men Retained With Colours

WARSAW, May 3.—A decree by the Polish State President dated April 20 was made known to-day.

It is coming into force immediately, and prolongs the duration of service of officers who have been pensioned off or who have retired on leave. Obligatory service in manoeuvres is now extended from four weeks in two successive years to ten weeks. —Trans-Ocean.

BERLIN, May 3.—It is learned on competent authority that the German Ambassadors to London and Paris are returning to their posts in the immediate future, possibly on May 4. —Reuter.

BRITAIN STUDY OF STRENGTH OF SOVIET MACHINE

LONDON, May 3.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT is studying detailed reports of Russia's military strength concurrently with the negotiations to include the Soviet in the anti-aggression bloc.

Such study is aimed, firstly, to assure the British Government that Russia is not over-rating itself when it insists that its own wider proposals should prevail during the present negotiations.

Secondly, so that the British Government may have an answer ready to its many doubting supporters regarding the value of Russia as an ally.

Thirdly, to use figures to persuade Poland and Rumania as to the necessity of including Russia's military might in the anti-aggression front.

Expedite Parleys

Meanwhile the belief is growing among political circles that a more expedite method of conducting negotiations with Russia must be found to eliminate the cumbersome paper work.

Although the Cabinet meeting at 11 a.m. to-day is expected to approve the latest reply to Russia, it is understood that the reply will only be in the form of further instructions to the British Ambassador in Moscow for his conversations with the Soviet Foreign Minister.

Cabinet Discussion

London, May 3.
It is understood that the position of the Anglo-Soviet negotiations was discussed at to-day's Cabinet meeting.

No instructions regarding the British reply to the Soviet proposals have so far been sent to the British Ambassador in Moscow.

It is understood that exchanges of views regarding the negotiations are at present taking place with the French Government. —Reuter.

Counter-Proposals

LONDON, May 3.—The British Cabinet has decided to send counter-proposals to Moscow, designed to bring Russia into the non-aggression pact as soon as France has approved the British reply.

The British proposal includes certain reservations on mutual defence. —United Press.

Another Car Stolen

Yet another case of car-theft from Hongkong streets has been reported to the police.

It involves the car of a Member of the Legislative Council and prominent Hongkong tycoon, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell.

Mr. Dodwell's car was parked outside the Hongkong Club last night, and was stolen some time between 11 p.m. and 11.30 p.m.

A police search was immediately instituted and the car was later recovered in Connaught Road, west of the Harbour Office.

The petrol tank was drained.

PACTS FOR PEACE

Britain Ready To Give Assurances

LONDON, May 3.

IN RESPONSE to Mr. Arthur Henderson's question in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Chamberlain said the British Government would be ready to consider giving Germany reciprocal assurances of non-aggression.

The Premier denied that Britain has adopted a policy of encircling Germany.

Obviously answering Germany's reasons for denouncing the Anglo-German Naval Agreement, Mr. Chamberlain declared that the British assurances for the protection of Poland in case of attack were not inconsistent with the naval accord. —United Press.

German Offer

BERLIN, May 3.
It has been learned from reliable sources that Germany has offered mutual non-aggression pacts to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Estonia and Latvia, apparently aiming at neutralising Germany's entire northern flank in the event of war.

It has been officially announced that Germany has agreed to Sweden. PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

LATEST

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In The Commons

CHINA PROMINENT IN SERIES OF QUESTIONS

LONDON, May 3.—Sir Arnold Wilson asked in the House of Commons to-day whether the Chinese Government was building a railway to the Sino-Burmese frontier, and whether the Under-Secretary for Burma could give an assurance that no railway construction in Burma was contemplated, to connect with the Chinese railway, and that no such project would be entertained without the fullest previous public enquiry, and the assent of the Burmese Parliament.

Colonel H. H. Mulholland said he had system, had been contemplated from time to time on many occasions during the last 40 years. He assured Sir Arnold Wilson that nothing would be done in Burma without due consultation with all the project of a Chinese railway connecting with the Burmese railway. —Reuter.

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DESIGNER ACCUSED OF STEALING BOAT PLANS

Held A "Good Position"

STATED to have held until the day before a "good position" with the British Power Boat Company, Ltd., of Hylle, near Southampton, Walter Whiting Moore, aged 25, design engineer, was charged at Southampton Police Court recently with stealing nine plans, the property of the firm, within the last six months.

When the magistrates granted an application that the accused be remanded Superintendent D. Lucey, for the police, opposed bail.

On being told by the chairman that he would be remanded in custody, Moore observed:

"I don't understand the position. I don't understand what is happening. What does that mean?"

The Clerk: You will be brought before the court again on Friday of next week when this charge will be heard.

Moore: And in the meantime? The Clerk: In the meantime you will remain in custody.

NO MEANS

Moore was about to leave the dock when he turned and asked if he could have legal aid, explaining that he had no means to obtain it.

He was, he said, a single man and his pay with the company was £5 10s. a week.

He was told that he must apply for legal aid when he appeared before the court again.

The British Power Boat Company is engaged on important contracts for the Government, including the construction of motor torpedo boats.

Charles Laughton Advises Actors

Mr. Charles Laughton, speaking at the annual dinner of the Critics' Circle at the Savoy Hotel recently, said: "Actors to-day must be more vulgar. They must get some of the vitality of the old-time drama and the sex film of to-day into modern drama."

Miss Fay Compton said: "Nowadays first night is worse than ever. The stalls are full of bored, apathetic people completely unrepresentative of real theatre-goers. The gallery is full of fans who are intolerant of all but their own favourites."

Mr. Tyrone Guthrie said that once the National Theatre "was built it would undoubtedly have to be amalgamated with the Old Vic. There were not enough actors to staff both, or the public to support them."

Grandmother Has First Air Trip At 91

CROYDON AIRPORT, from which scores of her compatriots, fleeing from Nazi rule, have had to be turned away recently, meant security and happiness for ninety-one-year-old Frau Krampfleick.

Flying for the first time in her life, this frail, white-haired great-grandmother came alone from Vienna to join her family in England. She is a Czech Jewess.

Her children in Manchester, fearing for her safety, called to her to fly before it was too late.

Frau Krampfleick had time to pack only a few belongings into a brown paper parcel, but she travelled in her best black silk coat and a bonnet tied with strings beneath her chin.

At Croydon she was the first to step from the plane. She walked with a stick and on her arm wore a white armband with three black dots on it, indicating that she was infirm.

In the bus that took her to London she said: "All my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are over here. It will be lovely to see them all again."

Of her first flight she said: "I was comfortable. What is the difference whether you go by railway or by air?"

Homes Are Worse Than Shanghai Slums

HOUSING conditions that "baffle description" and are "worse than could be found in the native quarter of Shanghai," are indicted in the report of a committee of inquiry into anti-tuberculosis services in Wales and Monmouthshire, published recently.

The report says the high death rate from tuberculosis is largely caused by bad housing. Local councils are accused of apathy, neglect and even "sheer dereliction of duty."

It is significant, says the report, that the disease is referred to in Wales by the fatalistic name of "W dear" (The Decline).

The inquiry has been made by two Commissioners, Mr. Clement Davies, C.E., M.P., and Dr. F. J. H. Coutts, formerly a tuberculosis expert in the Ministry of Health.

"FAILED AS TRUSTEES"

The report adds: "In fact the councils have failed in their trusteeship as guardians of the health and welfare of the people who elected them."

In a description of the old-fashioned Celtic houses in which many live, it is

stated that their height to the eaves is about 8ft. The house is divided into two rooms by a thin partition, one a living room and one the sleeping chamber.

In order to provide further sleeping accommodation, boards are put across from wall to wall above the sleeping chamber. This room is called a "groggloft," and the height at the apex varies from about 5ft. to 6ft. and tapers down to nothing.

"Nothing can be done to make those houses habitable or even sanitary. The only thing to be done with them is to pull them down, and pull them down as soon as possible."

The Commissioners summarise their opinions of individual counties and county boroughs. Some of their comments are:

Anglesey: The record with regard to tuberculosis is an unenviable one, but, considering the housing conditions, it is not surprising. In many parts of the county they remain indescribably bad.

At Llanelwyl we measured one house; the living room was 11ft. by 7ft. by 8ft., and contained two double beds.

10 HOUSE

In that house, up to March 1938, ten persons had lived—a man, two women, and seven children.

We are of opinion that Dr. Emrys Jones (the tuberculosis officer) did not overstate the condition of the house when he said:

"I think you will agree that the overcrowding in that house was worse than anything one could find in the native quarter of Shanghai."

Caernarvonshire: Has the highest tuberculosis mortality rate among all the counties of England and Wales. Houses in Llanberis in some instances are so wet that the walls cannot be papered.

Carmarthenshire: In Llandoverly there is one street where there is a row of houses all condemned. They are all inhabited. As soon as one person dies, or goes out of the house, another one goes in.

Merioneth: We have come to the conclusion that the authorities in this county have been guilty of serious dereliction of duty.

Different than the silent, greeting to Chancellor Hitler in Prague was the eager, enthusiastic welcome given Dr. Fischer when he arrived in Memei to take over the Baltic seaport. This picture, shows Memelanders eagerly waiting to catch a glimpse of Hitler.

'Swimmer' Of 18 Months In Show

MISS HILLARY MAVIS WAND, of Ilford, is just eighteen months old, thirty inches tall, and a member of the Daily Ducklings Swimming Club.

When her brother joined, Hillary went to watch and soon made it plain that she was going in, too.

She had her first bath in February. In about six lessons she has learned to jump confidently into the water, to float, to do the breast arm stroke to order, and to kick vigorously with her feet.

She recently appeared in her club's spring display in aid of Ilford Social Service funds. This was opened by four-year-old Cyril England, who can swim a quarter of a mile, and turn somersaults and handstands in the water.

Scientists Smash "S" Plan of I. R. A. Terrorists

Science has been greatly responsible for finally breaking the back of the "S" Plan of the Irish Republican Army terrorists for sabotage in Great Britain.

For three months Dr. Roche Lynch, the Home Office analyst, has been examining all kinds of articles for traces of explosives, acids.

On a cap he found traces of aluminium powder. The specks were scarcely visible. But Dr. Lynch examined them under his strong lens, identified them.

A drawer of a chest-of-drawers was an exhibit at the Old Bailey. Woodwork was stained. So were small articles found in the drawer. In the analyst's laboratory those

EMPIRE NEWS

MACHINE GUNS FOR COMMANDOS

CAPE TOWN.

The conference of commandants and honorary colonels of South Africa's bushier commandos, which has been sitting at Cape Town, recently unanimously decided in favour of the modernisation of commando forces.

The proposal that machine-guns should be issued to each commando and that 50 picked young men in each should be given a thorough military training was received with remarkable enthusiasm. The result will be a considerable strengthening of the Union's defence forces.

The commandants, many with flowing beards, were yesterday entertained by the Prime Minister, Gen. Hertzog, at Groote Schuur.

Surplus Expected.—The "Cape Argus" states that instead of a deficit of £100,000, which the Minister of Finance budgeted for last August, Mr. Havenga will probably be able to announce when he introduces the Budget, a surplus of more than £1,500,000.

KENYA

COMMITTEE REPORT ON INCOME-TAX

NAIROBI.

The Kenya Standing Finance Committee reports as follows on the incidence of income-tax.

We believe the facts of the matter to be that there is no widespread dissatisfaction with income-tax in Kenya, and we are unable to see that any useful purpose would be served by prolonging the present inquiries.

"We do not wish to imply that this report is the last word on the subject. On the contrary, we believe that when the Colony has had more experience of the operation of the tax it will prove desirable that further investigation should be made."

CONGRESS SUPPORT FOR MR. GANDHI

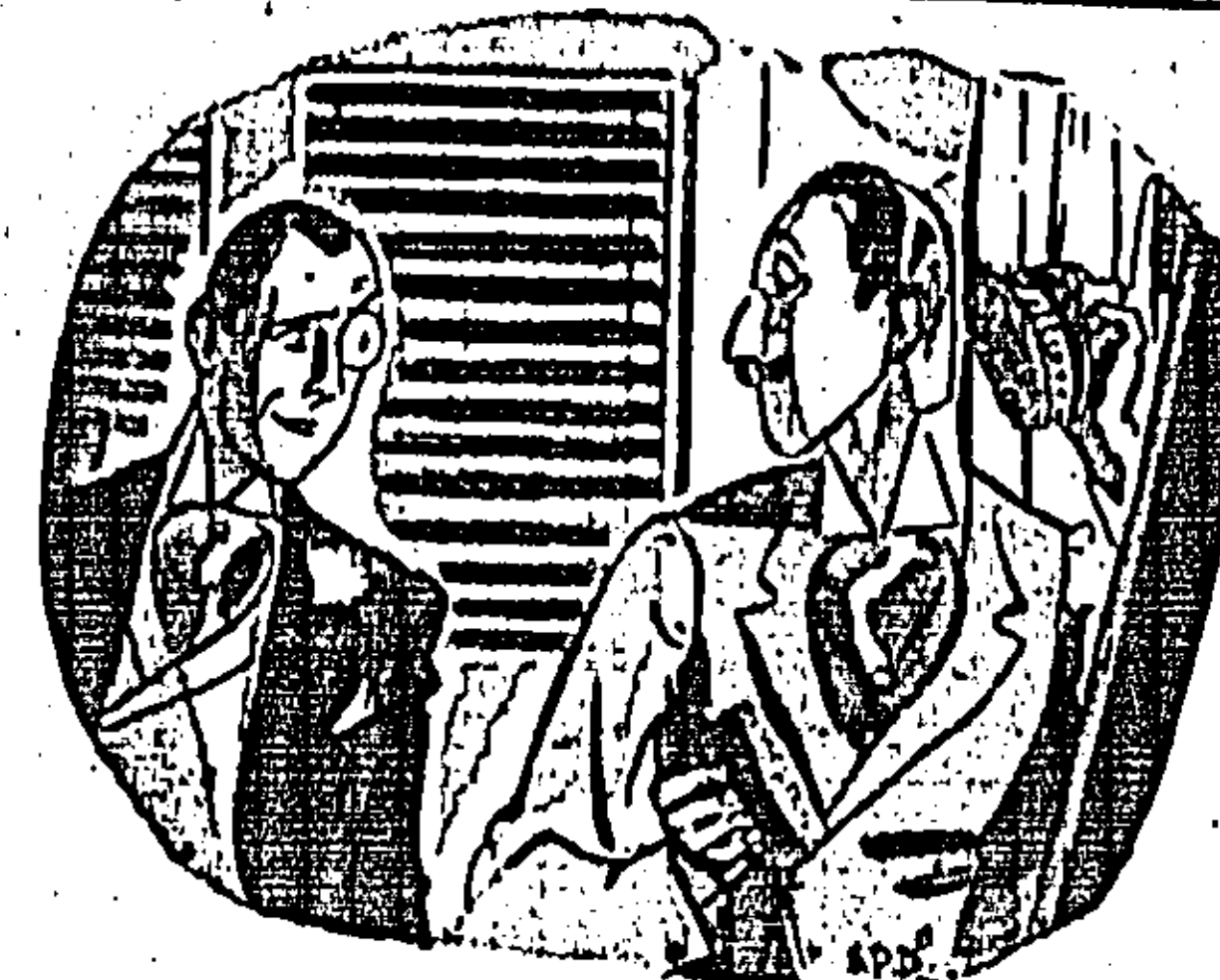
TRIPURI.

The plenary session of the Indian National Congress recently passed Pandit Pant's resolution expressing confidence in Mr. Gandhi by an overwhelming majority.

The vote was taken on a show of hands amid shouts of "Victory for Gandhi."

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, the Leftist President of Congress, whose policy is opposed to that of Mr. Gandhi, commenting on Pandit Pant's resolution, stated that he had fought his presidential election was not challenged in the plenary session, and that therefore no occasion had arisen for his resignation.

Congress also passed a resolution expressing "indisputable national demand for self-determination."



AISLE AND FAREWELL

"So the condemned man ate a hearty breakfast?"

"Oddly enough he did—in spite of last night's stag party. All set now for the orange blossoms."

"And the little head?"

"Ticking over beautifully old boy. Cool as a frame full of cucumbers. Am I becoming a saturated solution—or is it just the influence of a good woman?"

"Your ignorance of the facts of life, Edmond, is little short of monumental. Remember the long draught of Rose's Lime Juice I made you drink before retiring? Pause and consider, Edmond—

knowing me as you do—was that pure altruism?"

"I've never known you do an unselfish act in your life old boy."

"Right. My only concern was to save myself trouble and get you to the church in such condition that you could both speak audibly and walk unaided. With the help of Rose's Lime Juice I have succeeded. Listen carefully, Edmond, while I explain the chemical action of Rose's—"

"I say—look! Quarter to eleven! Where's the ring? Where's my hat? Is the car ready? Is my tie all right?—Hurry up, hurry up. Where's my—oh, here it is—QUICK!"

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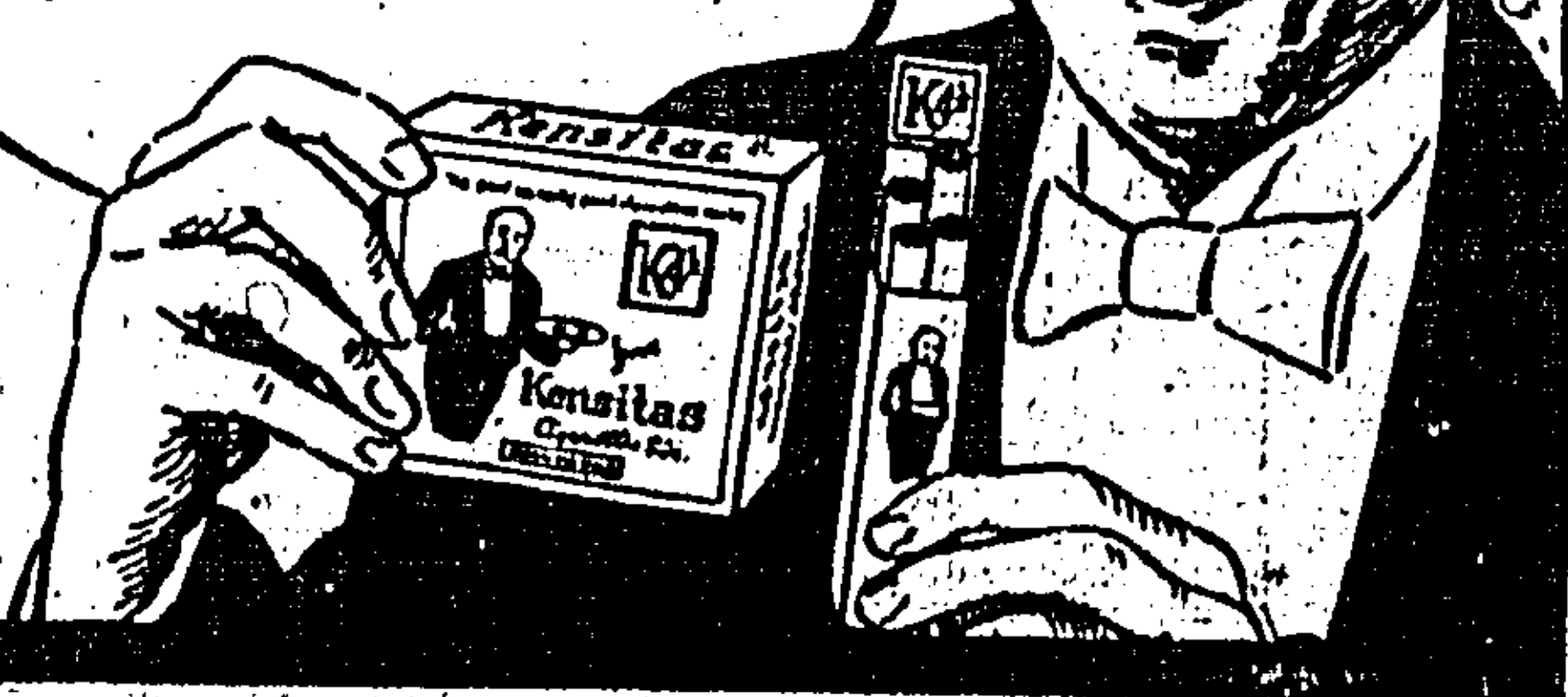
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Bo'sun Behind With Homework: SEA WAS TOO ROUGH

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He couldn't do his homework
Because of the stormy sea.

SOMEWHERE OFF the west coast of South America was that unhappy sailor when he sent his sincere letter of apology to his school—the College of the Sea, in Endsleigh Street, W.C. The sea had been too rough for writing.

[Parents of small boys who see in this a new idea should emphasise that it can be very, very rough at sea and that homework might be the lesser of the two evils.]

The newly-founded college is receiving "homework" from ports all over the world—from Halifax (Nova Scotia) to Durban, and Vancouver to Suez.

Among the batch which arrived recently were essays on "Life in a Portuguese House," solutions of problems in geometry by a deck boy of 18, and French exercises from a "cellist in a ship's band."

"A ship is the one quiet spot where a fellow can work with his brain today," explained a wireless operator on a tanker, who aims to get a degree in classics.

BRIDGE STUDENTS

The most popular courses promise to be short-story and novel writing, philosophy, foreign languages, astronomy and painting.

Spanish is much in demand. In one ship six men are learning it.

Among those who have inquired for instruction are captains, firemen, saloon boys, radio officers, stewards, A.B.s, engineers, carpenters and purser.

The name of every boy who signs on for his first voyage at a United Kingdom port is now being sent to the College, and it is proposed to invite each one to enter.

Founded late last year by Dr. Albert Mansbridge, the College of the Sea is in its first term.

FAMOUS TUTORS

For students it will draw on the 6,500 ships of the British merchant marine "somewhere at sea," and for its teachers on the voluntary service of the finest brains in the country—famous professors and tutors from all the universities, directors of museums

and scientific units, and heads of art schools.

"Because of the appeal which the sea makes to British peoples," Dr. Mansbridge said, "we shall soon have tutor-advisers of the first rank in all the ports."

"The wealth of culture available to sailors will be without precedent."

Film Of British Air Raid Defences

Striking glimpses of Britain's defences against air attack are given in "The Warning," a new short film which was recently shown at the Regal Cinema, Marble Arch.

It showed high-speed fighters going up against enemy bombers, anti-aircraft guns, ashore and afloat, in action, and the complex A.R.P. organisation reporting raids and the extent of damage, caring for wounded and fighting fires.

The producers, British National Films, have undertaken that any profits arising from its distribution in Britain by the Associated British Picture Corporation shall go to Service charities. It is also to be shown at the World Fair in New York.

The film was made with the wholehearted co-operation of the Government, and "the latest arms of all branches of the Services have been used for the sake of authenticity."

Libby Holman Married

Libby Holman, American torch singer who shared the Reynolds tobacco millions, has been secretly married in Washington to Ralph Holmes, twenty-three-year-old actor.

Libby has been picture-news since her husband, Zachary Smith Reynolds, millionaire playboy, was shot in 1932. At one time it was suggested that she would marry Jack Doyle, boxer-singer. But Libby (and Jack) said no.



Claude G. Bowers, American Ambassador to Spain, chats with newsmen following a conference with State Department officials in Washington. He was called home recently to confer on questions pertaining to the recognition of the Franco regime by the United States.

DANCER'S BLACK EYE

Judge Looks At It, Gives Her £40

MISS IRENE BARDEN, a cabaret artist, of Carlton Mansions, S.W., who received a black eye in a road crash, was at Westminster County Court recently awarded £40 damages.

She had claimed £100 from Ronald Hugh Charles Pearce, Sherwood Way, West Wickham, Kent, and Taxi-Cabs (London), Ltd., Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush.

Miss Barden was a passenger in a taxi involved in a collision with Mr. Pearce's car in Park Lane last November.

CASINO DANCER

During the case Judge Dumas asked: "Do cabaret artists perform during the daytime, or do they come out only after dark?"

The Hon. Quintin Hogg (for Miss Barden): My experience is that they perform at night.

Miss Barden said that on November 29 she obtained an engagement in the Folies Superbe at the London Casino as a dancer at £5 a week, and to supplement her earnings she accepted film, photographic, model and mannequin work.

Judge: All of which comes under the heading of "very nice work if you can get it."

Miss Barden added that she was in a nursing home for ten days.

After looking at Miss Barden's eye, the judge asked: "Are you innocent of make-up?"

Miss Barden: Well, I powder, of course.

Judge: I have heard of coloured lines under ladies' eyes that are not the result of a bruise. Is that black line under your eye entirely the result of a bruise, or is it something else?—It is entirely due to the accident.

"THIRST" FOR KNOWLEDGE

While Miss Barden was being cross-examined, the judge commented, "I am thirsting for more information about cabaret artists. Do they after the performance have to come on the floor and dance with customers?"

Mr. E. Ryder Richardson (for Mr. Pearce): No, if they did there would be no reason for the places closing down.

Mr. Hogg: Mr. Richardson knows more about them than I do.

Mr. Peter Francis Stern, a passenger in the taxi, said that the force of the collision swung him off his seat on to Miss Barden's lap. After the accident they all went to a chemist's, and then had a drink.

"BLACK-EYED SUSAN"

Mr. Hogg said that Miss Barden alleged that after the accident she was so disfigured that she had to be put in the second row of the cabaret. Judge Dumas: I should have thought the cabaret might have preferred a less Black-Eyed Susan.

Awarding Miss Barden £40 damages (£20 special damages and £20 general damages) with costs against both defendants, Judge Dumas said: "Judging by modern standards, the lady may be considered highly 'attractive'—although artificial."

He had looked at the line under her eye and failed to see any disfigurement now.

De Havilland's First Jump

MR. Geoffrey de Havilland, chief test pilot of the de Havilland Aircraft Company, of Hatfield, and Mr. John Cunningham, another test pilot, escaped by parachute before an airplane which they were testing crashed at Wickenhamstead, Herts, recently.

The aircraft was a two-seater monoplane of a new type which had not been tested before. A friend of Mr. de Havilland said that when the aircraft got into difficulties Mr. Cunningham and Mr. de Havilland discussed whether they should leap or not. Mr. Cunningham jumped at 3,000ft. and Mr. de Havilland soon afterwards.

It was Mr. de Havilland's first parachute jump. The airplane passed quite close to Mr. Cunningham as it hurtled to the ground. It hit a tree, crashed through a fence and burst into flames within 200 yards of a farmer's house. Debris was scattered over a wide area.

LANDED A MILE APART

The two men landed in fields about a mile apart. They went back to Hatfield, and had lunch. Mr. de Havilland was in the air again in another aircraft within an hour and a half.

Mr. Geoffrey de Havilland, son of Captain Geoffrey de Havilland, the airplane engine designer, is 29 years old. He has had a number of escapes while testing aircraft.

In August last year he was piloting an air liner when the fuselage broke after a landing. The nose of the machine tilted in the air and the tail fell to the ground. Mr. de Havilland was not hurt.

A few weeks before he had to land another air liner on the wings, the retractable undercarriage having jammed in the "up" position.

Beggar Hides Clothes

San Francisco. Thomas Welch, 35, ragged beggar, was found to possess secret lodgings, where \$500 was cached, \$125 on his person and a very sumptuous wardrobe. He distinguished between the latter and the ragged costume he was wearing by explaining that the latter was his "working clothes."

Radio By 'Phone Is Defence Move

RADIO programmes by telephone will be made available by the Government shortly.

The purpose is national defence security. Major Tryon, the Postmaster-General, announced recently that the Government had decided to develop the broadcasting service both by relay companies and by P. O. service on telephone lines connected to receiving sets.

The P. O. telephone-radio service will give a choice of three programmes, including National and Regional, by pressing a button at the side of the telephone.

A subscriber will be able to use his telephone simultaneously with the reception of radio programmes.

It is hoped to start the service this year in a few districts and extend it later.

START THIS YEAR. Major Tryon told the House of Commons that relay services were required in times of emergency to transmit any special announcement ordered by the local A.R.P. or police authorities.

Although it is intended to continue radio broadcasting in event of war, the ordinary radio services would be liable to interference or interruption from which the wired service would be immune.

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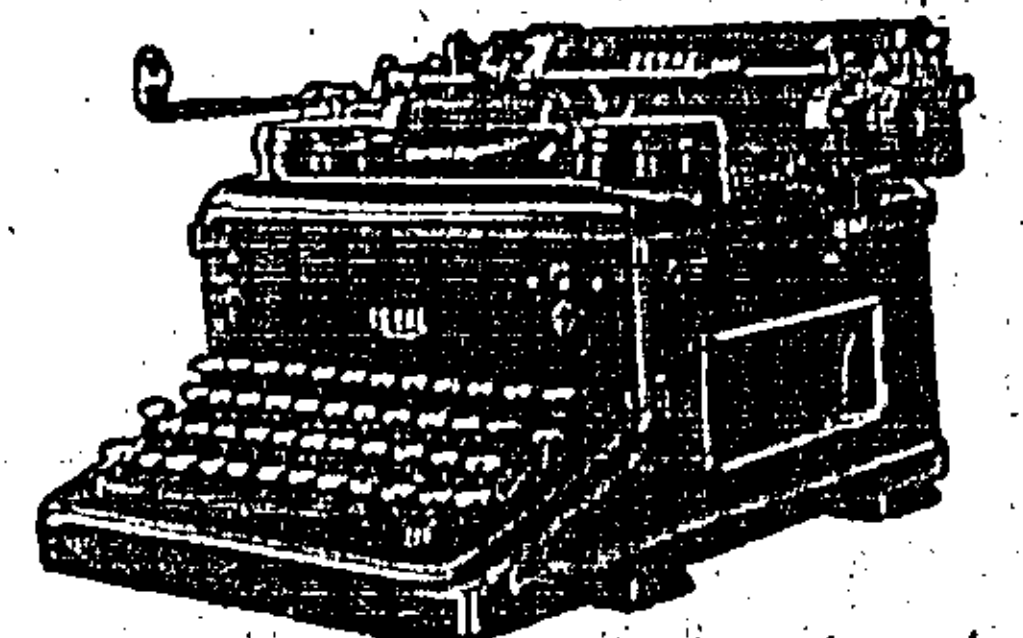
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Middlesex Leading In Area Sports

The Middlesex Regiment, who lost the championship last year by half a point, were in the lead at the close of the first day's events yesterday of the Hongkong Area Sports Board's annual athletic meeting held on the Polo Ground in Kowloon.

Last year's champions, Hongkong Regiment, Hongkong and Singapore Royal Artillery, are close behind, their chief achievement during the day being the success of their four runners in the three miles team race which gave them first, second, third and sixth place. The winner's time was 14 minutes 44.7 seconds.

The total points gained by each unit during the day were Middlesex Regiment 53 points, H.K.S.R.A. 48, 8th Heavy Battery, R.A. 43, 5th Rajputana Rifles, 42, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots 34, 5th A.A. Regiment, 32½, Royal Engineers 20½, Small Units 11.

The sports will be continued today when a keen fight will ensue for the championship. Several relay races in which strong competition is expected, are on the programme.

Heats, the following teams have qualified for the finals:
440 Yards Relay.—8/Heavy Regt., 2/Royal Scots, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles, and H.K.S.R.S.
880 Yards Relay.—8/Heavy Regt., 1/Middlesex, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles, and 5/A.A. Regt.

One Mile Relay.—1/Middlesex, H.K.S.R.A., 2/Royal Scots, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles.
Two Miles Relay.—2/Royal Scots, H.K.S.R.A., 8/Heavy Regt., 5/6 Rajputana Rifles.

Finals, field events, (teams of two).
High Jump.—1, H.K.S.R.A., 2, 8/Heavy Regt., 3, 1/Middlesex; 4, Rajputana Rifles. Height, 10 ft. 7 ins.

Long Jump.—1, 1/Middlesex; 2, 8/Heavy Regt.; 3, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles; 4, Royal Engineers. Distance, 38 ft. 10 ins.

Shot Put.—1, H.K.S.R.A.; 2, 2/Royal Scots; 3, 1/Middlesex; 4, 8/Heavy Regt. Distance, 29 ft. 11 ins.

Discus Throw.—1, 1/Middlesex; 2, Royal Engineers; 3, 5/A.A. Regt.; 4, H.K.S.R.A. Distance, 100 ft. 5½ ins.

Javelin Throw.—1, 1/Middlesex; 2, 8/Heavy Regt. Distance, 204 ft.

2, 2/Royal Scots; 3, 5/A.A. Regt.; 4, Hammer Throw.—1, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles; 2, 1/Middlesex; 3, 2/Royal Scots; 4, 8/Heavy Regt.

The placing in the three mile team race were.—1, H.K.S.R.A.; 2, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles; 3, 8/Heavy Regt.; 4, 1/Middlesex.

ATHLETE COLLAPSES AND DIES

Tragedy attended the Hongkong Area annual sports meeting at the Polo Ground. Boundary Street, yesterday morning. While practising for the discus throw, Bandsman Stemp, of the Middlesex Regiment, suddenly collapsed and died on the field, despite immediate attention.

He was removed to the Whitfield Barracks, and from there to the Bowland Road Hospital. The funeral will take place to-day.

Bandsman Stemp, who was unmarried, was a keen all-round sportsman, and took part in the Hongkong Area boxing tournaments only last week.

Extremely popular in his Regiment, his death is most keenly felt. He was one of their best water-polo players; indeed he was probably the best exponent of the water game the Hongkong Area had had for a long time.

Golf Competition For Women

A competition open to the Women's Section commemorating the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's Golden Jubilee will be held at Deep Water Bay on May 10. The competition is open to resident women only.

Conditions are.—18 holes against bogey; ½ handicap allowed. Two cards may be taken out at 50 cents a card. The Club will put up a cup, second, and if entrance fees permit, a third prize will be bought from the proceeds.

The Medal Round of the Captain's Cup during April resulted in a tie between Mrs. W. J. E. Mackenzie 60—18=72 and Mrs. G. M. Smalley 61—19=73. Mrs. Mackenzie qualified as she had the better score in the last six holes.

Tim Medal Pool at Happy Valley during April was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

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THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Fifty-Eighth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 18th May, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 4th May to the 18th May, 1939, both days inclusive.

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General Agents.
Hongkong, 27th April, 1939.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Fifty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 25th May, 1939, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th May to the 8th June, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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General Managers.
Hongkong, 25th April, 1939.

TEMPERANCE UNION

At the regular monthly meeting of the South China W.C.T.U. which is to be held at noon to-day, Tai Hui Restaurant, a reception will be given to its first national President, Dr. Mary Stone, who has come to Hongkong from a trip to America with her co-worker Miss Dr. Hughes of the Bethel Mission. Dr. Stone is one of the two early woman physicians in China, the other being the late Dr. Ida Kan of the Methodist Women's Hospital in Nanchang. As superintendent of the Danford Women's Hospital in Kiangsi, she found out that among her patients, much suffering is caused by intemperance, so, in addition to her regular work and with the co-operation of Mrs. Ren Yin-mei, who promoted the Temperance Movement in Central China, The National Union was officially organized in 1922. Dr. Stone was elected the first president.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of May, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Stanley, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years. Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Am. Rent	Upst. Pr.
1	North West of Stanley, Building Lot No. 392, Island Road, Stanley.	N. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, W. 100 feet.	About 25,000	\$200	\$6,500

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of May, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years. Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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2	West of and adjoining Island Lot No. 5685, Blue Pool Road, Wong Nei Chung.	N. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, W. 100 feet.	About 37,660	\$200	\$10,800

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LONDON, May 3.—The British Foreign Secretary, Viscount Halifax, was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace this afternoon. Nothing is known about the subject of the conversation, which lasted half an hour.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINA PROMINENT IN SERIES OF QUESTIONS

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Interests in Burma concerned.—Reuter.

Dradging in Whangpoo

London, May 3. Questioned in the House of Commons to-day whether the Whangpoo Conservancy Board had yet been allowed to resume dredging in the approach to Shanghai, Mr. R. A. Butler replied in the negative, adding that negotiations with the Japanese authorities in Shanghai were being actively pursued, and he hoped that an agreement might be reached shortly.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne asked whether in view of the fact that negotiations had been going on for a long time, and that the Board's work was of international importance for the shipping of all nations, would the Minister consider trying again.

Mr. Butler replied that Viscount Halifax was aware of the value of the Board's work, and added: "I hope to be able to give a more hopeful answer as a result of the negotiations which are now proceeding."—Reuter.

Hankow Blockade

London, May 3. Commander A. Marsden asked in the House of Commons to-day if the Prime Minister could state the result of the enquiries into the complaint that a British company in Shanghai had been refused permission by the Japanese authorities for four of their British employees to go to Hankow, although two American employees of the company had been allowed to proceed.

Mr. R. A. Butler agreed that the facts were as stated, and added that it appears, however, that in a similar case about the same time, discrimination was exercised in favour of a British subject.

Tientsin Blockade

Asked by Mr. Hannah whether the Prime Minister had been able to secure the removal of the barricade around the British concession in Tientsin, and how far he had been able to secure restoration of normal conditions, Mr. Butler replied that the position remained as stated on April 3. All possible steps were being taken to secure the restoration of normal conditions.—Reuter.

British Sergeant Injured

SHANGHAI, May 3.—Sergeant D. Crawford, of the British Municipal Police, was seriously injured and is at present in hospital with an even chance of living, following a crash with a Japanese truck in the Yangtzeop district to-day.

Crawford was riding a police motor-cycle when he crashed into the truck, believed to have been driven by Japanese soldiers.—United Press.

"Mysterious" Fleet Near Japanese Report

TOKYO, May 4.

The "Asahi Shimbun" reports that a mysterious fleet comprising submarines and minelayers passed through Suez Canal on April 11 and left Colombo at the end of April en route to the Far East.

According to the paper, the warships, apparently of the Soviet Union, are expected at Singapore in the next few days and will then proceed to Vladivostok.—Domet.

It is possible that the "mysterious fleet" may be four Soviet vessels—a destroyer, a submarine and two minelayers—expected at Manila tomorrow from an unknown destination. They may come to Hongkong.

German Fleet Leaves

BERLIN, May 3.—Part of the German fleet which has been carrying out exercises in Spanish waters, left Ceuta in Spanish Morocco on Tuesday.

The units concerned were the battleship Admiral Graf Spee, the destroyer Delmer von Roder, and the sixth and seventh submarine flotilla.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. Warships in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, May 3.—Units of the American fleet, consisting of the cruiser Charleston, the destroyers Catalina and Fred Tabbot, will visit Vera-cruz on Monday next for a week's stay.

Admiral Wilcox, who is in command of the squadron, will visit the Mexican capital on Tuesday, accompanied by some of his officers.

The Mexican Government is planning a number of festivities in honour of the occasion.—Trans-Ocean.

Italian Naval Review

ROME, May 3.—A huge naval review will be held in the Gulf of Naples on May 11 before Prince Paul of Yugoslavia, whose visit to Rome begins on May 9.—Trans-Ocean.

French Warships Leave

GIBRALTAR, May 3.—The French warships which have been stationed at Gibraltar to relieve the British fleet, have taken to sea. It is authoritatively stated that they are proceeding to manoeuvres, and will afterwards return to Gibraltar.—Trans-Ocean.

MILAN, May 3.—More than 2,000 Italians, hitherto domiciled in France, and who have now returned permanently to Italy as a result of action taken by Signor Mussolini, arrived at Turin to-day from Paris in three special trains.—Trans-Ocean.

FACTS FOR PEACE

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and Finland fortifying the Åland Islands provided Sweden and Finland maintain absolute neutrality in the event of war. It is assumed that this is aimed to prevent Russia from seizing and using the islands as a naval, submarine or air base against Germany.

However, if the non-aggression pact with the Baltic and Scandinavian countries are concluded, it means that Germany herself will have renounced any possibility of seizing the Ålands for use as a base against Russia.

Observers here regard these actions as being designed to quarantine the entire Baltic in the event of war, enabling the German fleet freedom to operate there without fear of possible attack.—United Press.

Finland And Sweden

HELSINGFORS, May 3.—The Finnish Foreign Office has commenced discussions with Sweden regarding consideration of the proposal for a joint agreement between the two countries.

An official communique is expected in about two days.—United Press.

Nordic's Reply

COPENHAGEN, May 3.—The Swedish, Norwegian, Danish and Finnish foreign ministers have agreed to meet at Stockholm next Tuesday to frame a joint reply to Hitler's proposal for a non-aggression pact.—United Press.

Right To Neutrality

Oslo, May 3. The attitude of Norway and other northern States is the desire to have the right to maintain neutrality as far as possible, declared Foreign Minister Koht in a debate in Parliament to-day.

Nobody thinks of denying us this right, he added. Even if the League of Nations cannot help us, there is no reason to renounce our membership, because the League remains the centre of international efforts to promote justice and peace.

The Conservative leader, M. Hambro said it was undesirable for Norway to bind herself by security pacts to one or other groups of powers.—Reuter Special.

Will Give Assurances

LONDON, May 3. In reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain confirmed that the British Government would be willing to exchange assurances with Germany similar to those exchanged with Poland, which would reciprocally guarantee the countries against aggression.

The Premier added that he had already made it clear that the charge levelled against the British Government of pursuing a policy of encirclement was baseless.

Answering another question, the Premier said that the British Government would welcome any suggestion for extending the scope of such guarantees, which were at present confined solely to defence against unprovoked attack.

Mr. Chamberlain further stated that he was not in a position to say whether the British Government would be prepared on principle to conclude a defensive pact with the Soviet Union similar to the Franco-Soviet pact. On the other hand, Mr. R. A. Butler informed the House that the British guarantee for Rumania and Greece would not be transformed into an agreement based on the principle of reciprocity as was the case of the guarantee to Poland.—Trans-Ocean.

League To Meet On May 15

LONDON, May 3.—Viscount Halifax intends going to Geneva to take part in the meeting of the League Council on May 15, according to the "Evening Standard," which adds that the Foreign Ministers of France, Russia, Poland, and Yugoslavia are among those who are also expected to attend the meeting.

The paper states that the only subject on the agenda for discussion is the Sino-Japanese war, and it is concluded from this that the statement assembled in Geneva will have ample leisure for examining the European situation.—Trans-Ocean.

Ministry Of Munitions

PARIS, May 3.—A persistent rumour that Premier Daladier is about to set up a Ministry of Munitions for accelerating production of armaments and for co-ordinating the requirements of the three major services, is finding credence in political circles.

It is not definitely known who is to be chosen for this new post, but the "Paris Soir" names M. Raoul Dautrey, prominent railway expert as the most likely candidate.—Trans-Ocean.

Village Wiped Out In Fire

TOKYO, May 4.—Over 110 houses, representing 95 per cent. of the entire village, were completely destroyed up to 9.30 o'clock last night in a disastrous fire which broke out at Fushigami, in Aomori Prefecture at the northern tip of Japan proper. All efforts were being made to put the raging flames under control.—Domet.

LITVINOFF RETIREMENT CREATES SENSATION

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released M. Litvinov, at the latter's request, from his duties.—Reuter.

Bombshell Effect

London, May 3. The news of the retirement of M. Litvinov, had a bombshell effect. The British Foreign Office was taken completely by surprise.

Well informed circles here state that Litvinov's resignation is in no way connected with the British answer to the last Soviet proposals, because although the British answer has been drafted and agreed upon in Wednesday's Cabinet session, it has not yet been submitted to Moscow. That the decision to let M. Litvinov resign was taken on a sudden impulse in Moscow is evidenced by the fact that even the Soviet Embassy in London was greatly surprised. In fact, when the first secretary of the Soviet Embassy was first asked to confirm the news, he denied the report adding that he should be true, M. Potemkin would be Litvinov's successor. Only after considerable time was the Soviet Embassy able to confirm Litvinov's resignation and Molotov's appointment.

Political and diplomatic circles here are not yet able to form an opinion as to what the change in the Soviet Foreign Office means, stating that M. Molotov has never played a political role and has no special knowledge of European affairs.

Circles close to Downing Street think it possible that Russia will make a radical change in her foreign policy.—Trans-Ocean.

Sensation In Paris

Paris, May 3. The news of the resignation of M. Litvinov and the appointment of the Premier, M. Molotov, has caused a sensation here.

Political circles are of the opinion that there are two possible reasons for the resignation. Either the Soviet Government disapproves of the western policy of the former Foreign Minister, or the believes that the negotiations with the Western Powers have proceeded too slowly.—Trans-Ocean.

DENOUNCED TREATY

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Mr. Chamberlain further stated that the British Government was not certain whether Herr Hitler desired to open negotiations for a new naval convention.—Trans-Ocean.

Acknowledgement

LONDON, May 3.—British acknowledgement of the German note terminating the Anglo-German naval treaty was sent to Berlin yesterday, and it is expected that the Government's observations will follow shortly.—Reuter.

Scrapping Stopped?

Colonel Llewellyn, Civil Lord of the Admiralty said in the House of Commons that the implications of the denunciation of the Anglo-German naval treaty were being carefully considered, but that no decision had yet been taken whether or not to scrap the two battleships of the Royal "Sovereign" class in 1942.—British Wireless.

INOCULATION FREE

Further Public Appeal To Prevent Cholera

Now is the time to act, and not when the epidemic has started, states a further circular from the Colony Medical authorities for the prevention of cholera. There are ample supplies of anti-cholera vaccine in Hongkong, and the public are advised to take advantage of the free offer of the Government for inoculation at the various hospitals and public dispensaries.

Eat and drink nothing that has not been recently cooked. Do not consume:

Fruit, vegetables, salads, melons, shell fish, etc. which have not been cooked or otherwise sterilised;

Food on which flies have settled;

Milk or cream which has not been boiled or sterilised;

Ice-cream, unless made from boiled materials;

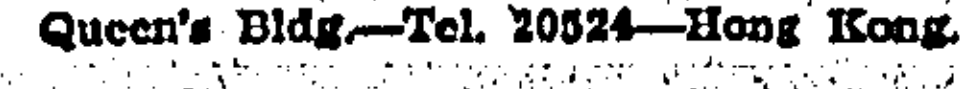
Water which has not been boiled;

Non-sterilised waters and fruit juices unless made by a reliable firm.


Do not swim in the sea within the harbour limits, especially near sewage outfalls.

The cause of the disease is a special germ which enters the body through contaminated food or drink, particularly water, milk,

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The Fifth Column

IN ALL the welter of crises and
hell-firing threats in Europe one
of the most cheering signs of the
times is the increasing evidence of
dissatisfaction inside Germany and
Italy with the aggressive policies
pursued by their Governments. To
those who feel inclined to drink
hemlock after reading of recent
events we would draw attention to
the testimony of a copy of the
"Times" just to hand via Siberia
that there is much uneasiness in
Italy, and of the "Manchester Guardian"
that there is growing unrest
in Germany.

Many people fall into the error of
thinking of the German or the
Italian people as Robots, identified
closely with their Governments and
following blindly every command of
their leaders. While it is true that
in these dictatorships thought and
action are regimented as never before
—in human history—there is
abundant evidence that under these
iron controls the spirit of protest is
increasingly active.

The "Times" Correspondent in
Rome comments: "Even Fascists are
asking when the country is going to
be allowed a little peace and quiet.
That famous fire-breather, Signor
Farinacci, issues a trumpet call to
these weak brethren—the whiners in
the party. 'Our young men,' he
says, 'wish to live in a state of
spiritual mobilisation from the first
to the last day of the year, with but
a single hope, that of being called
on to fight.' The very vehemence of
this rhetoric leads one to suspect the
extent of the revolt against the
doctrine of eternal agitation."

The "Manchester Guardian," in a
long article, bears testimony to the
every-growing malaise in Germany,
with the spirit of moral resistance to
the regime stronger than it has ever
been before.

If, therefore, we attempt to fore-
cast Europe's future from the char-
acter of its most powerful Govern-
ments, then the horoscope would be
gloomy indeed. But we can avoid
accepting this fatalistic conclusion
that war is inevitable if we remem-
ber the ever-widening gulfs between
the dictators and their peoples.

Great nations and great peoples
cannot be cowed forever by the
knot and the blackjack. The time
spirit and the innate decency of
human nature are in league against
the dictators. The greatest common
denominator of the European peoples
to-day is an immense yearning for
peace.

We do not subscribe to the belief
that war in Europe is inevitable.
We believe that the will of the Ger-
man and Italian people is not re-
presented by the lust for conquest
that has gripped their leaders and
that, if war does come, the German
and Italian military machines will
have as many powerful enemies be-
hind their lines as they will in front.

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WHILST some large
States must be
(poor things) sat-
isfied with one dictator, the
Free City of Danzig has
two. One is Arthur
Greiser, the second, Albert
Foerster.

Both have one great love
for Hitler, and one great
hatred for each other.

Greiser hates Foerster like
poison. Foerster's happiest
day—Danzigers say—will
be when he can throw an
inkstand at Greiser's
"empty head," as he often
does at the heads of his sub-
ordinates.

Neither of the two has any-
thing really in common with
Danzig. They are both stran-
gers in the Free City.

Tall, fat and robust Greiser
was born in Western Poland.
Long-headed, quick-eyed and
studious looking Foerster was
born in Furth, near Nuremberg.

Greiser is 44—ten years older
than Foerster. But although
older in years, he is Foerster's
junior in the Nazi party. Hence
Foerster's stronger position in
Danzig.

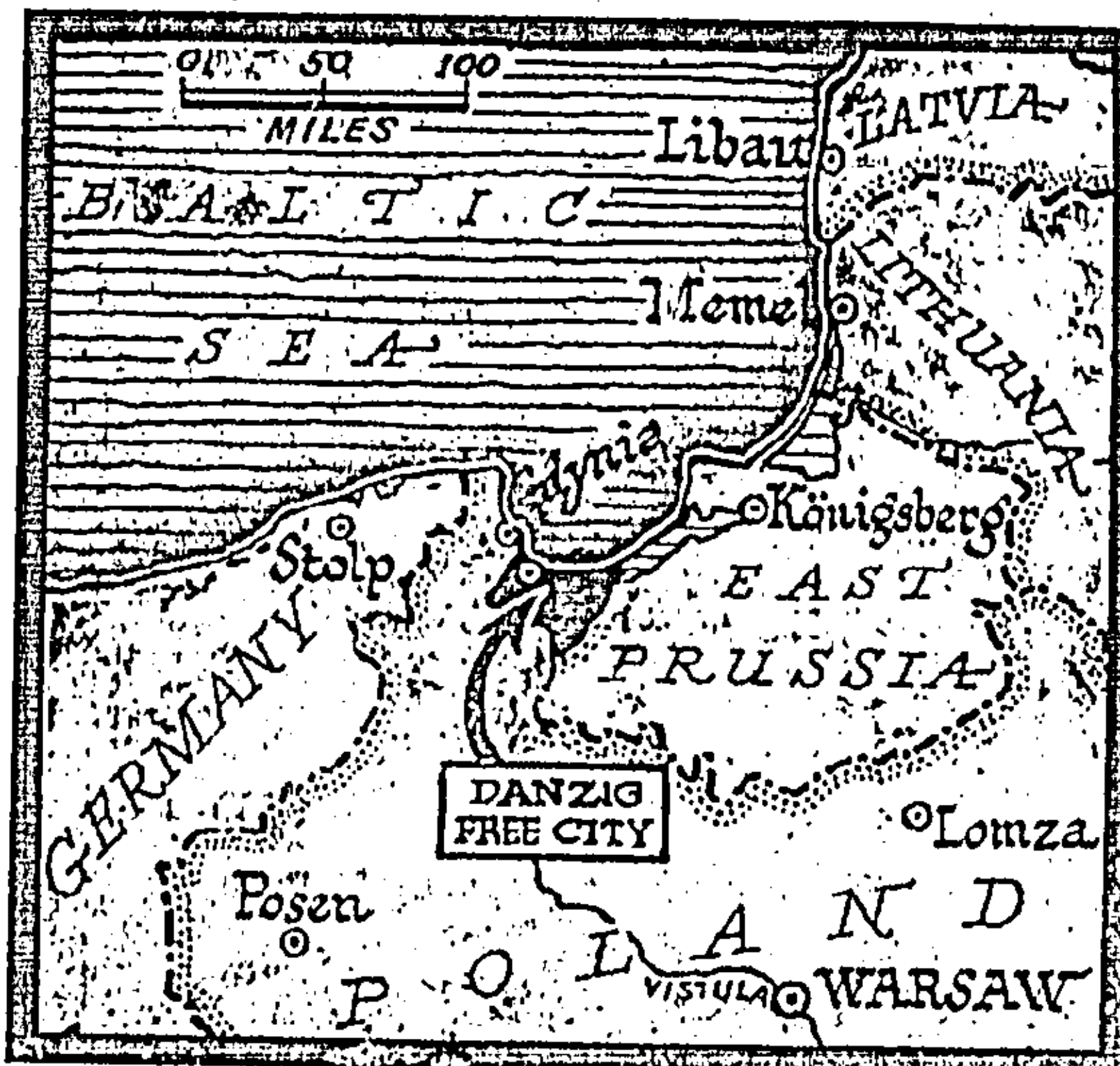
Foerster was preaching Hit-
ler's gospel when Greiser was
still a mason and the representa-
tive of a Jewish business house.

In Danzig Greiser arrived with
a medal he won during the war
and a good record as a pilot.
Foerster came as a petty official
with torn trousers and a hungry
stomach. To-day Greiser can
afford to spend lavishly, and
Foerster is the owner of many
beautiful villas in and around
Danzig and one in Wiessee, the
place where Roehm was murder-
ed. Both have a great thirst
for money, Greiser—to spend
—Foerster—to save and hoard.

Greiser made himself popular
through his numerous love
affairs, his numerous rendezvous
on the local cemetery, and his
shooting parties. Foerster be-
came famous when he was
thrown out from his post for a
violent attack on President Hin-
denburg when the Marshal was
first elected as German Presi-
dent.

Both came to power through
loyalty to Hitler. Greiser be-
came President of the Senate
when Dr. Rauschning showed
some deviation from Hitler's
anti-Jewish teachings.

As a former employee of
Jewish firms Greiser somehow
proved to be the better pupil as
far as Jewish hatred was con-
cerned. Foerster's nomination
as "Gauleiter" in Danzig was
the result of a good word from
Hitler's sister and the recom-



FOERSTER
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to Hitler

ter never liked Lester. First
because he is the representative
of the League and reminded him
too often of the "obnoxious Ver-
sailles Treaty." Secondly be-
cause—like Treitschke—he dis-
likes the English, and Irish are
English to Foerster, who has
never been on good terms with
his history books.

But Greiser, who in his presi-
dential capacity had to "mix
with people," cherished some
sympathies for Lester. Greiser
did not want so sudden a quarrel
and advised "tact" and "slow
action."

Foerster's attack on Lester
found no favour in Greiser's
eyes, and even some of Greiser's
immediate followers condemned
the attack "as untimely and
harmful."

But Foerster went to Hitler
and won again. Greiser was
summoned to Berlin and told to
go and "stand up" to the
League. Foerster was triumph-
ant whilst Greiser's star went
somewhat dimmed.

Had he gone himself without
Hitler's express command or
had he shown inclination to go,
his position would be better than
it is.

Now Danzig may soon have
only one dictator.

**A Look Through
The "Telegraph"**

50 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1889.
An unsuccessful attempt at lighting
the streets of Leamington by in-
candescent lamps has recently been
made and gas-men claim a triumph
of gas-lighting over electricity.

25 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1914.
In the course of work in connection
with the enlargement of Hendon
Church, a vault was discovered
containing the coffin in which are the
remains of Sir Stamford Raffles, the
position of whose grave at Hendon
was hitherto unknown.

Sir Stamford Raffles was the son
of a sea captain in the West India
trade and was born at sea off the
coast of Jamaica in 1781. He made
great advancement and had much to
do with securing Java and Singapore
for Britain, being first Lieut. General
of the former territory, which was
later given up to the Dutch. Singa-
pore was his "political child" and he
was responsible for the laying out of
the city and establishing its
institution as a free port. He died
of apoplexy at his house near Lon-
don in 1826.

10 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1929.
The Duke of Gloucester was pleas-
ed to receive a pair of Sir William
Crookes' sun glasses from Messrs.
Lazarus, the Opicians, whilst he was
in the Colony.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I'll have to think it over about marrying you, Phineas—a man
over 70 isn't so easy to mould, you know!"

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Burma Road Agreement Alleged

Tokyo, May 3. An agreement has been concluded between Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador to China, and the National Government at Chungking for cession of the western part of Yunnan to Burma in return for the construction of the Burma-Yunnan highway and railway with British funds and materials, newspaper reports from Shanghai say.

The reports say that the ceded area includes Tengchung and Lungling, west of the Lu River.

Upon completion, the Burma-Yunnan highway and railway will be placed under the management of an Anglo-Chinese joint commission, including six British and five Chinese members. The commission will be headed by the Chinese Railway Minister, Mr. Chang Klu-ngau, and Domel.

HIGHWAY DESCRIBED

Chungking May 3. The Yunnan-Burma highway was described to the American public in a radio broadcast made from Chungking by Dr. Francis K. Pan, Director of the General Affairs Department of the Ministry of Communications, recently. Dr. Pan said in part:

"Attention has been directed lately to the three international highways in the North-west and South-west of China. First is the Lanchow-Hankow-Thientsin and the Soviet Border highway. Then in the south, the Kweichow-Nanning Indo-China Border highway. The third highway is the Yunnan-Burma highway running from Kunming via Tsingyuan and Paoshan to Anting. There the highway branches to the north to Bhamo on the Irrawaddy River to Anting and is 410 miles, that from Anting to Lashio, 110 miles, and that from Anting to Bhamo 110 miles. Both sections are in the same territory. Direct communication is available from Lashio and Bhamo to Hangoon, the capital of Burma.

"The Yunnan-Burma highway's construction was begun in August, 1937. Not until recently, however, were finishing touches added, such as the necessary surfacing and strengthening of roadbeds and bridges, thus bringing the entire highway up to war requirements. However, improvement work is still being kept up in the hope that even during the rainy season, now fast approaching, the road may still be used for transportation.

ENGINEERING FEAT

"For the building work the Government used 500,000 engineers and laborers, to whom is credited the successful completion of a highway whose engineering feats were almost unequalled in history. Just imagine taking a dip from an elevation of 7,200 feet down to 2,500 feet level to cross a suspension bridge and an almost immediately ascending an equal grade up to 7,500 feet. You are virtually playing hide and seek or looping the loop in the clouds.

"To cover the entire highway takes five days. One goes over 280 bridges, which have a load capacity from 10 to 15 tons, and 1,950 culverts. The roadbed has a surface of nine to 16 feet. The highest elevation reached is 8,520 feet above sea level about 60 miles from Kunming. The initial cost of construction was around five to six million dollars, Chinese currency. A sum of over \$10,000,000 has been added to cover expenses for improvement, equipment and operation.

"Much is yet to be done. Trees have to be planted, roads to be added, and a chain of service stations, rest houses and hotels must be established. Many more millions of dollars will find useful employment all along the highway, where there are populous cities, trading posts and even rich mineral resources waiting for exploitation. Here is an opportunity for economic investment and peaceful pursuit of life. China at present, as she has in the past, consistently welcomes foreign co-operation and shall continue to adhere to the policy. Because she is confident of her ultimate victory and of a glorious future, China invites you to visit the Yunnan-Burma highway, a monument of new faith and undying courage!"—Central News.

NELSON T. JOHNSON Ambassador Believes War Will Continue Years

San Francisco, May 3. The United States Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, stated before his departure on Friday that he believed the war would continue for years.

He said that the conflict will last a long time owing to lack of a peace-making basis and the fact that the Chinese are amply equipped and have built up a high morale.

Mr. Johnson said it is amazing to watch the discipline which the Chinese people show under a bombing attack. He predicted that when peace comes China will not become Communist, Nazi, Fascist or a democratic State—terms meaning very little to the Chinese people—but purely a Chinese form of Government based on agrarian economy.—United Press.

POSERS FOR PREMIER Many Questions In House Of Commons

London, May 3. Mr. Neville Chamberlain was asked a number of questions in the House of Commons today in regard to denunciation of the German naval agreement by Germany.

The Premier declared that the Government did not regard the assurances recently given to Poland were in any way inconsistent with the provisions of the naval agreement. There were no provisions permitting either Government to denounce the validity of the agreement. He was not sure if Herr Hitler's proposal for another treaty would be negotiated, but the Government was considering what reply should be made.

Mr. J. J. Llewellyn, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, told the House that no decision had yet been reached whether to scrap or retain the two battleships of the Royal Sovereign class carrying 15-inch guns, as the result of denunciation of the treaty.

CABINET DISCUSSION

London, May 3. The Cabinet held its usual weekly meeting this morning at which the progress of the negotiations with the Soviet is understood to have been discussed.

It is reported that Russia wants a triple alliance between Russia, Britain and France with military conventions attached.—Reuter Bulletin.

BRITAIN READY

Mr. Butler said that no steps were being taken to make the British guarantee given Rumania and Greece reciprocal.

In reply to a question by Arthur Henderson, Mr. Chamberlain said that in recent statements he made it quite clear that there is no foundation whatever for the charge that the British Government have adopted a policy of encircling Germany. What President Roosevelt proposed and what Mr. Chamberlain understood Herr Hitler to offer was an exchange of assurances of non-aggression, rather than a guarantee on a reciprocal basis such as was recently given to Poland.

"The British Government is certainly ready to consider proposals for an exchange of reciprocal assurances with the German Government," said the Prime Minister.—Reuter.

King & Queen Dine With Commissioner

London, May 3. The King and Queen dined with Mr. Vincent Massey and his wife at the Canadian High Commissioner's London home last night. A trooper of the Northwest Mounted Police stood guard at the door of Mr. Massey's residence.—Reuter Bulletin.

OLD CEREMONY

At Portsmouth when the King arrives the ancient ceremony of handing the keys of the fortress to the King will be enacted at the Guildhall.

The liner in which Their Majesties will make the journey will be accompanied by the cruisers Southampton and Glasgow.—Reuter Bulletin.

WILL VISIT FAIR

London, May 2. The Daily Mirror says "It is likely that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor will visit the New York World's Fair during the late summer, accompanied by a party of British and French personal friends."—United Press.

MINISTER IN CANADA

Washington, May 2. Personal friends said that Mr. Roper would probably retain the Ministry in Canada only during the visit of Their Majesties to that country, after which he would return to Washington to practice his law business.—United Press.

French Ban On Japan's Goods

Paris, May 3. A general embargo on the import of Japanese goods into France and French possessions was announced yesterday morning in the official gazette. An exception is made for goods shipped before a certain date, or for deliveries accompanied by a permit issued by the French Consul in Japan.

In other words, Japanese goods may in future be sent to France and her possessions only with the permission of the consular officials. It is declared that permission will be granted without difficulty for silk, articles and camphor.—France Press.

Reuter adds that the measure is presumably taken for furtherance of the Franco-Japanese trade agreement now being negotiated in Japan.

According to Havas, the Tokyo agreement will effect a considerable adjustment of France's unfavourable trade balance with Japan.

New British Battleship Launched

London, May 3. Thousands watched the launching of the 35,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales, sister ship of King George V, by the Princess Royal and Birkenhead today.

The vessel was completely in the water one minute after a bottle of champagne was smashed on its bow.

The Prince of Wales is the first two of five battleships now in course of construction. Her main armament consists of 10 14-inch guns, and her secondary armament of 10 5½-inch guns and numerous smaller guns. Great attention has been paid to protection against gunfire, aerial bombs and mines. The battleship is one of the fastest in the world.—Reuter Bulletin.

TERRIBLE RAID ON CHUNGKING Dozens Of Fires Break Out

Chungking, May 3. The densely populated sections of the city were subjected this afternoon to a severe bombing by the Japanese for the first time this year.

The explosions started many fires and the casualties are believed to be heavy.—Reuter.

HUGE FIRES RAGE

Chungking, May 3. Dense clouds of smoke with flames shooting in many places to 100 feet in the air overhung the city this afternoon as hundreds of firemen and coolies sought to stem the conflagrations from the air raid.

Observers report that 45 Japanese planes took part in the raid, but that only 22 managed to reach Chungking, the rest being intercepted by Chinese pursuit planes down river.

The Chinese estimate that three Japanese bombers were shot down, of which the United Press correspondent saw one and two Japanese fighters by parachute. Foreign observers declare that one Japanese plane was shot down and two Chinese pursuit machines brought down in an dogfight starting over the city and continuing up river.

The Japanese unloaded mostly incendiary and light demolition bombs, starting seven separate fires including a quarter mile area of the river front. The only foreign property hit was the Franco-Chinese Navigation Company which was destroyed by a direct hit.

The streets present a mass of debris and tangled wires and the air is thick with smoke. All light and telephone services were cut off when the main wires in the business area were shattered. When the raid ended the streets were clogged with masses of Chinese swarming to the banks of the Yangtze and the Central Park carrying belongings saved from the fire-swept areas.

QUICKLY OVER

The raid was evidently deliberately designed to wipe out the city as the raiders flew over the city twice and then from up river swept over the bridge holding the business and residential areas. In all, the bombs in less than two minutes and not attempting to bomb the Government areas. During the bombing the Japanese machine-gunned the population and the air was many times filled with shrapnel from anti-aircraft guns and machine gun bullets. The Yangtze was filled with debris when several sampans were destroyed, the bombs hitting the river edge.

The casualties are estimated at 500, including 100 dead, but details will not be available until the fire subsides and the debris is uncovered.

Some reports place the casualties at 1,000, because a bomb buried a refugee building in which there were 300 refugees, it is now known whether all were killed.

Four newspapers including the Kuang Pao, Hsin Wen Pao, and Hsin Su Pao, Szechuan daily, were struck, the latter being unable to resume publication soon because the plant was destroyed.

A demolition bomb hit the air defence headquarters where large stores of gasoline and oil in big godown were set on fire and quickly became an inferno.

The attack proved the efficacy of the new air raid shelters built throughout the city as even 1,000 casualties may be taken as very low considering the population. It also proved the efficacy of the new water storage tanks and volunteer fire corps which checked the fires despite the rapid headway.—United Press.

NEW MARKET OPENED Fish and Poultry Stalls Opened For Business

Trade commenced in the New Central Market yesterday when the fish and poultry stalls were opened for business. These stalls are situated on the ground floor, and it was not long after opening before the market resounded to the hum of industry.

To-morrow, the meat stalls on the first floor will be opened, and on Friday, the vegetable and fruit stalls on the third floor will complete the business occupation of the whole building.

Shanghai

CHINESE IGNORE JAPANESE WARNING

Shanghai, May 3. Chinese newspapers in the International Settlement are practically ignoring the warning issued by the Shanghai Municipal Council against subversive propaganda.

While publishing the decree of the Municipal Council, vernacular newspapers actually violated it in separate columns declaring that May is the most appropriate month of the year for Chinese people to observe a number of "national humiliation days."

In defiance of orders banning the flying of Chinese Nationalist flags, the "White Sun in the Blue Sky" emblems were still prominent at many places in the Settlement and Concession.—Domel.

REORGANISATION REQUESTED

Tokyo, May 3. It is understood that reorganization of the administrative system in the International Settlement was proposed when Mr. Renzo Sawada, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, received the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, and the American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew, this afternoon.

The communication which was made orally, was understood to have followed inter-Ministerial consultations between the Foreign War and Navy Ministries. Both the British and American envoys promised to convey the Japanese desires to their respective home Governments.

The communication follows:— "The administrative structure and systems of the Settlement are defective in many respects, rendering them wholly unsuitable to the present situation, including the land regulations on which the administration of the Settlement is based.

The provisions of the Land Regulations now in force save on some minor points, remain exactly the same as those of the Land Regulations of 1906.

"Several years ago, the question of reform of the Municipal Council was discussed in the Press in Shanghai. It was then pointed out that the system of election for the Municipal Council was undemocratic and that the British monopolised important offices in the Municipal Council and held an overwhelming majority in the Council.

"The voice of the Japanese community, despite the enormous Japanese interest there, is not given a fair expression in the administration of the Settlement.

"New regimes distinct and separate from the Chiang Kai-shek regime have come into existence and are functioning. It is most desirable, therefore, that the Settlement authorities should take measures to be immediately taken. Consideration should be given to the position of the Chinese Court of Justice existing within the Settlement. The grants of land registers held in custody by the Municipal Council must be specially noted.

"The Japanese Government cannot pass unnoticed the rampancy of elements or hostile to Japan or the new Chinese regimes who are taking advantage of the Settlement."—Domel.

FURTHER DISTURBANCES IN CONCESSIONS

Shanghai, May 3. Police reserve units were called out this afternoon to Bubblingwell and Yates Roads following a minor clash between the police and shopkeepers over the Chinese national flag on flying the Chinese national flag. The police of the French Concession were seeking two foreigners of unidentified nationality, but who are believed to be Russians, who shot and seriously wounded a Chinese constable who attempted to search them. One dropped a long sharp knife when fleeing from the scene.

Both escaped. British owned Chinese newspaper Leader and also the Yeh Pao suspended publication voluntarily to-day rather than appear without Chiang Kai-shek's May Day speech, which, it is alleged, the British Consul forbade. Publication will be resumed to-morrow.

The American owned Chinese papers carried voluminous reports of Chiang's speech.—United Press.

POLICE EMBARRASSED

Shanghai, May 3. Police officers, who had earlier caused Chinese stores to remove Chinese flags on Yates Road, became highly embarrassed when over 300 youthful Chinese girls students marched en masse into the Chengta Road Police Station and demanded the right for the Chinese to fly Chinese flags at any time.

The students did not protest at the police action in Petticoat Lane, but at the effort of the police to lower the Cheng Chih School flag.

The police asked the school's principal to lower the flag, but he refused, saying that the flag was the property of the girl students, whereupon the police took him to the station. The girls followed.

After questioning the principal, he was released. The girls also left and lowered the flag until the police detachment of Russian volunteers took up positions along Yates Road and the police again refused to do. Eight of them were arrested and taken to the police station, where they were told that they would be detained until the flag lowered the flag.

Later all the flags were lowered, at which those arrested were released.—United Press.

MONEY SITUATION

Shanghai, May 3. Reviewing the Shanghai Exchange market for the past week in the light

Customs Union

Rome, May 3. A Customs Union has been formed between Italy and Albania under the terms of the agreement concluded on April 20, and was published here today.

According to that agreement Albania will at the earliest possible date give notice of termination of existing commercial agreements between herself and other countries.—Trans-Ocean.

Philippines

Independence Desires Are Decreasing

Manila, May 3. In a half hour speech on the floor of the Assembly this afternoon Mr. Carlos Tio, although just returned for a trip to China, urged examination of political relations with the United States, and cited the fate of Ethiopia, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Albania and China.

Mr. Tio said he saw terrible devastation in Shanghai and recalled the present Congressional movement to set the Philippines free in 1942.

Mr. Tio said, "Suppose we get our independence now and to-morrow a powerful fleet appears in Manila Bay? What must we do? If we ever come under any nation, I prefer a thousand times to remain under the United States. I sincerely believe we should open our eyes to reality and act accordingly."

It is noteworthy that the speech was made in view of the fact that most Assemblymen remain directly silent on the independence question, and in the face of the apparently growing popular conviction that the freedom which the Islands sought for nearly 40 years could be wisely delayed in view of world unrest.

Coincidentally, the Assembly's committee on the revision of laws unanimously reported a bill providing that by October 1 a constitutional convention prepare an amendment to the constitution in order to permit the re-election of President Manuel Quezon in 1941, due to the belief that Mr. Quezon is the only leader adequately experienced to lead the Commonwealth through the prospective difficult years.—United Press.

THE TYDINGS PLAN

Washington, May 2. While reports that Senator Tydings early independence projects for the Philippines somewhat mystified members of the Bureau of Insular Affairs regarding the future legislative events, Philippine officials were precautionarily carefully analyzing the arguments which will likely be advanced pro and con such a bill, and undertook an appraisal of the probable attitude of the various groups in the United States and the Philippines.

Some Filipinos opined that the preponderance of arguments would compel the United States administration to actively oppose immediate independence and it is doubtful whether any of the "Philippines" faction could actively support the Tydings plan along the lines that it might take, during and including the possibility of independence in 1942.—United Press.

of the latest currency developments, both in Central and North China, Finance and Commerce, leading weekly financial paper, states, "The only alteration in the exchange market was a slight weakening of forward notes.

"Under normal conditions this would be interpreted as evidence of some lack of confidence, but the changes are so small that it would be absurd to attach any particular significance to them."

Pointing out that China's import surplus for the first quarter of the year was almost \$10,000,000 the paper remarks, "The cause for wonder is not that there should be a sagging tendency for forward quotations, but that confidence in stability should have maintained its present remarkable level. Of course, the control fund holds the cash rate at 8½, and although it may be compelled to sell heavily on occasion there is little doubt that it can defend the position for a long time to come."

Turning to Tientsin, Finance and Commerce declares, "There would appear to be far more excitement than confusion in Tientsin."

Referring to railway, steamer fares or customs duties, the paper concludes, "Obviously it cannot be concluded that introduction of these bank notes meant prosperity for North China; the contrary is the case."

WRONG ATTITUDE

Briefly summarizing Japanese attempts to introduce a new currency in China, Finance and Commerce states, "Sooner or later the Japanese financial authorities will have to admit that it is impossible to establish a currency in a foreign country which has no basis of value beyond that given by its own regulations. The Chamber came to the present conclusion that circulation of the present legal tender in Central China was hampering Japan's China policy and it was regarded therefore as quite reasonable that the Reformed Government should exert strong pressure on the existing currency in

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order to make it valueless, but the proposals at Osaka show that they were thinking more along lines of trade advantages in the first place than of financial reform."—Reuter.

FEDERAL CURRENCY

Tientsin, May 3. Federal Reserve Bank currency in North China registered another small drop to-day, the premium on the Chinese National dollar being 34.5 per cent.

Thus it took 134½ Federal Reserve Bank dollars to buy 100 Chinese National dollars. Yesterday it took 134.—Reuter.

PURCHASE OF Y21

Shanghai, May 3. The Federal Reserve Bank dollar is still officially declared to be on par with the yen, and it was possible to buy demand drafts on Tokyo with this currency to-day, although this was done with considerable difficulty. In order to buy yen notes, however, it took about \$125 of the Federal Reserve Bank to purchase yen 100.—Reuter.

GUNBOATS RETURN Cricket and Scorpion Back from Hankow

Shanghai, May 3. The British gunboats Cricket and Scorpion arrived in Shanghai to-day from Hankow with 53 foreigners, mostly British, aboard.

H.M.S. Scorpion carried the flag of Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt. Rear-Admiral has made her last trip, as she will be shortly sold for breaking up, together with her sister ship H.M.S. Mantle, at present on the Yangtze but soon to make her last trip to Shanghai.—Reuter.

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SPLENDID TENNIS IN MIXED DOUBLE FINAL

FURTHER CHINESE SUCCESS

Kho And Choy Win At Bournemouth

London, May 3. Further successes were scored by Kho Sin-kie (holder) and W. C. Choy, the Chinese Davis Cup players, in the Bournemouth hardcourt tennis championships today.

In the quarter-finals of the tournament, Kho eliminated Ronald Shays in four sets, after dropping the first, the scores being 5-7, 6-4, 6-1, 6-0.

In the same round, Choy defeated Laurence Shuff in 4-6, 6-2, 6-0.

Both Shays and Shuff are members of the British Davis Cup team this year.—*Reuter*.

OTHER RESULTS

London, May 3. In the other quarter-final matches, Donald McPhail, of Great Britain, beat G. E. Godsell, also of Great Britain. Godsell retired in the third set after McPhail had won the first two by 6-3, 6-1.

Charles Hare, of Great Britain, beat John Olliff, of Great Britain, by 6-0, 6-3, 6-1.

In the semi-finals, Kho Sin-kie will meet McPhail and Choy will play Hare.—*Reuter*.

W. Sander, Miss Tylor Win In Straight Sets

(By "Abe")

The standard of tennis seen in the final of the Hongkong Cricket Club mixed doubles championship yesterday was surprisingly high, and those who turned up to see it must have been pleased with the performances of both pairs.

W. Sander and Miss Ann Tylor (-15) managed to beat H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Andrews (-15.3) in straight sets, but even they themselves will probably agree that the difference in the scores was due more to the slight handicap which they received rather than any appreciable superiority in their play.

The game would have been considerably closer, I think, if Armstrong had not made so many mistakes at vital stages of each set. He was steady enough at most times, his heavy top-swing making his shot very difficult to return on many occasions, but he was not always able to minimise his errors when points became really important.

LADIES PLAYED WELL

Sander too was not always reliable. Although his forehand drives won many points, his work at the net did not impress, and it was left to the two ladies to carry off the chief honours of the day.

Mrs. Andrews served well and brought off some very fine shots on the backhand, but on the other side of the court Miss Tylor was playing equally well. If a count was kept, it would probably be found that Miss Tylor made the least number of mistakes of the four in fact she played remarkably steadily throughout, her ground shots being particularly good.

The splendid play of the ladies made game always interesting, with little to choose between the two pairs. But the slight handicap which Armstrong and Mrs. Andrews had to concede proved the deciding factor. The match was featured by some fine rallies.

Service was held in the first set until 4-4 was called, and then Sander and Miss Tylor broke through Armstrong's service to win out in the tenth game. The second set went in sequence of two games each. Sander and Miss Tylor won the first two, were pulled back to 2-2, led again to 4-4, and then they took the next two games for the set and match.

The final scores were 6-4, 6-4 in favour of Sander and Miss Tylor.

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES

In the other Club final played, E. E. Storey and J. J. Ferguson (-5/8) defeated R. K. Valentine and L.M.S. Lloyd (scr.) by 6-1, 4-6 and 6-3 to win the Men's Handicap Doubles.

HANDICAP SINGLES

L. Goldman (-30) defeated V. R. Gordon (-3/6) by 6-2, 6-4 to enter the final of the Men's Handicap Singles. The winner will meet H. J. Armstrong in the final.

Boxing Championships at the British Empire Games in 1939 and Mr. Rose Price has been invited to officiate at the Victorian Amateur Boxing Championships, which take place in July, and when this tournament is completed he will officiate at the Australian Amateur Championships.

Athletics

MR. ROSE PRICE is also greatly interested in athletics. Rapid strides, he says, are being made in South Africa in developing youngsters, some of whom will be world-beaters some day. Particularly good are they in field events, but on the track they have not made such good progress, though they have a few men who can beat ten seconds quite regularly for the 100 yards. Mr. Rose Price has a son, Mr. T. Rose Price, who won the Southern Transvaal mile championship in 1936 in the good time of 4 mins. 27 secs. This record has been beaten since, however.

Chinese Success

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Standard Very Poor

AMATEUR boxers in Japan go up to 140 pounds only, and judging by the bouts he has watched the standard of amateur boxing is very low indeed compared to that of other countries. He was taken to a tournament at the Tokyo University, which boasted some of the best amateur boxers in the country, and though the majority were very fast and clever, he failed to see a single one possessing a punch worthy of the name. "Any two-handed fighter with a decent wallop could have gone into the ring and knocked the heads off the best of the bunch," says Mr. Rose Price, who thinks that as a class, Japanese boxers are not up to the standard of the Philippines. If the Philippines themselves are not conspicuous for their heavy hitting, they are at least better than the Japanese who do not seem to be able to hit at all.

In South Africa

NATURALLY our talk finally turned to South Africa. Mr. Rose Price's home country. Without wishing to boost up the stock of his own country, Mr. Rose Price really thinks that amateur boxing in South Africa ranks very high indeed. It certainly is better than that he has seen in most places he has visited, England and Australia not excluded. The reason for this is the tremendous enthusiasm shown for the game by the youngsters. In a recent tournament for juniors at Johannesburg, there were from 350 to 400 entries—which shows how popular boxing is there. He also recalls with pride that South Africans won two out of the five



Kho Sin-kie, the Chinese Davis Cup player, who is defending his hardcourt title at Bournemouth. He defeated Ronald Shays in the quarter-finals yesterday.

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Not Impressive

I STILL remember the matches I Choy played in Hongkong a couple of years ago, and I cannot say I was much impressed by him: in fact I was surprised that a player with the form he displayed could have won a "Blue" at Cambridge. But I was then told, and I believe it, that Choy plays better in England than he does in Hongkong. He finds the climate here unsuitable to him, and judging by the many fine victories he has been scoring in recent months, he must be finding the climatic conditions in Hongkong more to his taste. With Kho and Choy as their representatives, Chinese tennis enthusiasts may look forward with some hope; a victory for China is not as impossible as some people seem to think.

(As reported elsewhere on this page, both Kho and Choy have made further progress in the Bournemouth championships. Their victims yesterday in the quarter-finals were Ronald Shays and Laurence Shuff, the two British Davis Cup players).

OUR WEEKLY HOCKEY FEATURE

"Pilgrim" Says—

SIX-A-SIDE CATCHES ON

LAST SUNDAY'S TOURNAMENT AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

8th Destroyer Flotilla Thoroughly Deserve Win

The Hongkong Hockey Association Six-a-Side Tournament, staged at King's Park on Sunday last, proved an outstanding success. The idea of gathering together all the affiliated clubs, including the Army and Navy, seemed—to some—a formidable, if not impossible, task. But, with all-round enthusiasm, it proved easy.



Tel. McDonald, prolific scorer of the 8th Destroyer Flotilla team, which won the Six-a-Side Tournament last Sunday.

"PILGRIM'S" RANDOM JOTTINGS

Players Who Have Won Sticks

(By "The Pilgrim")

The following have been selected by me as the most improved League players for the 1938-39 season and each will receive a stick presented by Mr. Amar Singh, manager of International Sports:

Caer Clark Cup.—Miss A. Smith (C.B.S. centre-half).
Brawn Cup.—Miss B. Greaves (D.C.S. left half).
H.K.H.A. Tournament.—V. Ribeiro (Recreio goal-keeper).
Combined Boys Schools.—Master Gurdial Singh (Queen's College).

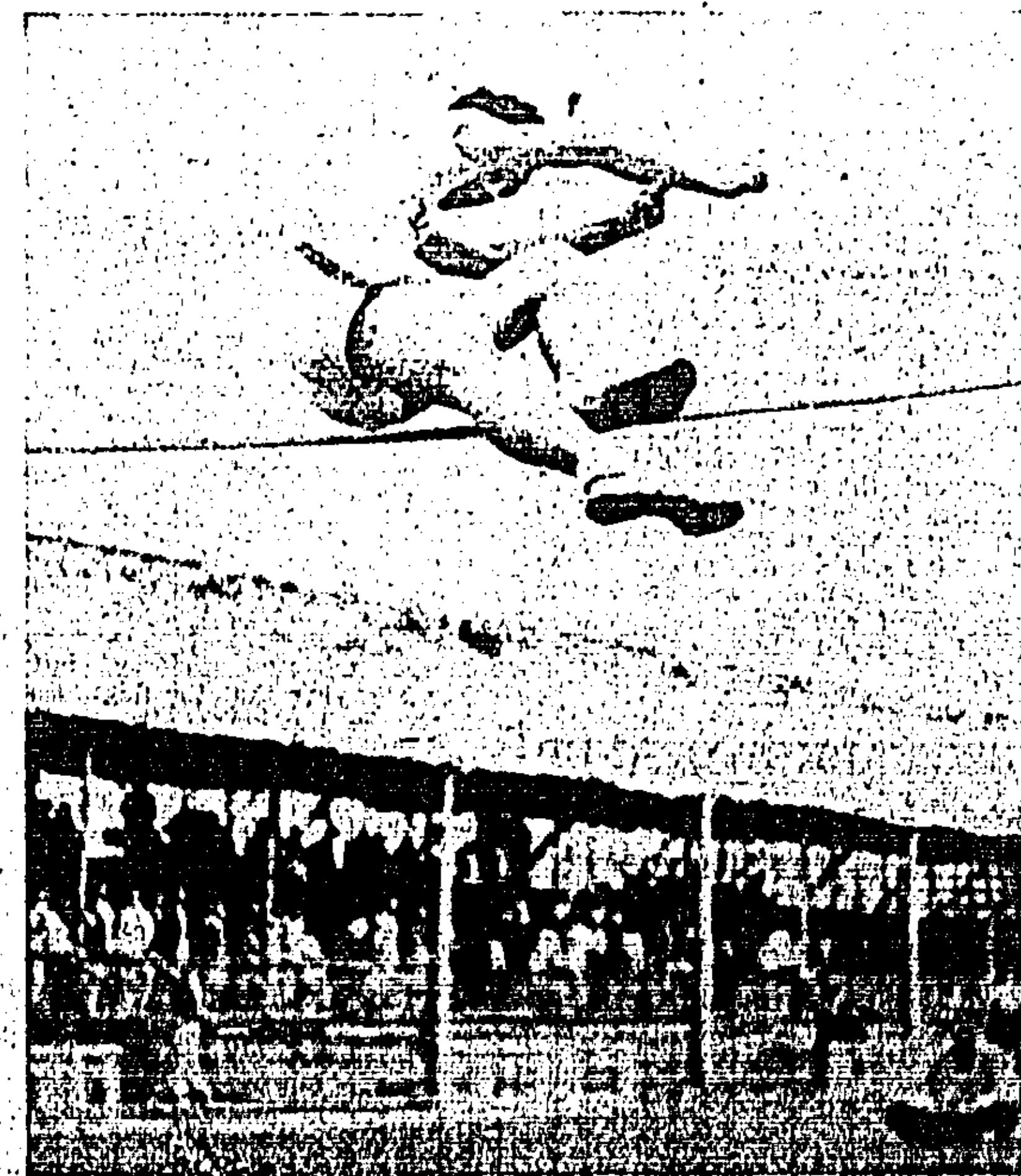
LEAGUE SCORERS

The highest goal-scorers will also receive a stick each. Their names are as follows:

Caer Clark Cup.—Miss M. Smith ("V") Ladies).
Brawn Cup.—Mrs. Ackroyd (Seaford Ladies).
H.K.H.A. Tournament.—Gurbachan Singh (Radio).
The above-mentioned players are requested to appear in person at the International Sports on Monday, May 8, at 6 p.m. sharp when the presentation of sticks will be made.

Two Matches In English Soccer

London, May 3. Two matches were played today in the English Football League. Plymouth, at home, defeated Norwich by a goal to nil in the Second Division, and Ipswich, at home, beat Reading by 2-1 in the southern section of the Third Division.—*Reuter*.



Action picture of Orlando Foon, of L/Balls College, who cleared a foot 94 inches in the high jump at the Inter-School sports finals at Caroline Hill, on Monday.—*Staff Photographer*.



Mr. R. Henderson, retiring Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Hockey Association.

Secretary Tenders Resignation

"Bob" Henderson To Leave Shortly

The appointment of a successor to Mr. R. Henderson, the Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Hockey Association, takes place at a meeting of the Council this afternoon at 5.30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church Hall. As he is due to leave the Colony shortly for good, Mr. Henderson has tendered his resignation.

"Bob" has served in the capacity of Hon. Secretary for a full season, during which time he has carried out remarkably fine work on behalf of the Association.

There is no better-known personality on the hockey field than our "Bob," who has been in the game for a great number of years. As an umpire and administrator, he has rendered great service. He is a keen and enthusiastic worker, and the Colony, I am certain, will regret his departure.

There have been many outstanding personalities in the Association in the past, but none has surpassed Mr. Henderson in the amount of work done. Week in and week out during the season, he is always seen umpiring matches, and during his umpiring career he has had charge of Inter-collegiate, International and representative games. He is a capable and very human umpire, and all players will, I hope, avail themselves of the opportunity of wishing him farewell when he takes his last match in the Colony—Service v. Civilians on Sunday.

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RENEWAL OF LEASES Chamber Of Commerce And Government Policy

An interesting position regarding the renewal of Crown leases has arisen recently and the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce is at present considering the matter. Mention of this is made in the annual report of the Chamber, which reviews the whole situation. It says:

In Hongkong, ownership of land is with a very few exceptions—in leasehold from the Crown. Some naval and military lands, and St. John's Cathedral and precincts, are held in fee simple. The oldest leases granted were for 75 years. In 1840, leases for 999 years were authorised, and existing 75 year leases were converted accordingly. In the eighties of last century the issue of 999 year leases ceased, and 75 year leases without option of renewal were re-introduced. About 1898 the standard period became 75 years, renewable for another 75 years, without payment of premium, at a Crown Rent to be assessed by the Director of Public Works as a fair rental value of the ground at the date of renewal. This is now the usual period of tenure.

In the Leased Territories the system of tenure was originally a 75 years lease from 1800 with an option of renewal to a date just within the period of the New Territories lease (which runs for 99 years from 1800). With the influx of time shorter and shorter leases have thus been granted in the New Territories.

The General Committee of the Chamber had under consideration during 1938 Government policy concerning the renewal of the leases for 75 years, without an option of renewal, entered into about 1895, as to

which representations had been received that differences of opinion had arisen between property owners and the Government. Desiring to develop their property, certain owners enquired as to the terms upon which Government would be prepared to issue an extension of their tenancy for a further 75 years after expiry of the first 75 years. The Government replied that a premium would be payable, also increased Crown Rent for the remainder of the first 75 years period, at the expiry of which the lease holder would be entitled to a renewal for a further term of 75 years at such rent as shall be fixed by the Director of Public Works as the fair and reasonable rental value of the ground at the date of such renewal.

Enormous Increase

The figure mentioned by Government as representing the increased Crown Rent which would be payable was, in some cases, five times the amount at present paid by the holders of such leases. The amount of premium payable varied according to the property. One owner of property on the Peak submitted that, under these terms, he would be called upon to pay an additional sum of approximately \$7,000 over the unexpired portion of his present Crown Lease. Another instance reported to the

Committee concerned the owners of property held on lease for 75 years of which there were 20 years still to run. The terms Government offered were renewal for 75 years all told, including the unexpired 20 years, increased Crown Rent and a fine or premium to be paid immediately. This, it was submitted, would mean that when the 20 years expired and there would be 75 years, less 20, to go, the Company would have paid in increased Crown Rent and fine, the sum of \$400,000.

It was further submitted that acceptance of the terms offered by Government in respect of renewals of leases for Peak property alone would involve, over a period of the next 40 years, payment in premiums and increased Crown Rent of an enormous sum.

It was gathered that the Government's view was that holders of leases for 75 years with the option of renewal for another 75 years should be regarded as being in a more advantageous position than holders of leases for 75 years only.

On behalf of property owners, however, it was submitted that holders of 75 years leases had exactly the same amount of work to do on their land as holders of 75 years with option leases, but the former had a much worse tenure.

Committee Appointed

A special Committee of the Chamber (of which the members were the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Osdwell, Mr. E. Davidson and Mr. D. C. Edmondston) was appointed to consider the matter in the light of any further information received as to Government policy, a member of the General Committee having undertaken to refer to Government certain documents which it was thought should lead to modification of Government's terms. One of these documents was a publication entitled "Digest of Instructions from the Secretary of State regarding Disposal and Tenure

of Land in the Colony of Hongkong" by Philip J. Jacks. It carried into effect the recommendations contained therein would give holders of 75 years leases the terms which they were asking for, namely that in the event of renewal now of a 75 years lease, increases in Crown Rent would not take effect until expiry of the remaining years of the lease, and no premium would be payable.

The second document referred to Government was the Report of the Land Commission 1886/7, particularly the following paragraphs:

"The Commissioners are of the opinion that it is desirable in the interests of the Colony that all the land granted upon lease (except for agricultural or pastoral purposes, or for garden lots) should be granted upon the same tenure. Before very long it will be necessary that something should be done in reference to the leases for 75 years. The same difficulties will soon arise in dealing with them as arose with the 75 years leases granted in the early days of the Colony, when the lot holders looked forward to the fact that the termination of their leases was within measurable distance; to remedy which the term was extended for a further period of 99 years. The lots become unmarketable, tenants will do nothing towards repairs, or in the improvements or sustenance of their dwellings; if they were habitable towards the expiration of the term that is as much as they would be."

Right of Re-entry

"No-one has bought land on a 75 years lease only, with the idea that the Crown would enforce its right of re-entry at the end of 75 years and turn them out. Nor does it appear why there should be any distinction on one side of the harbour to another; or on lands in the town or in the country. It may be urged that parties should be kept to the strict performance of their engagement with the Crown, and that where land has risen in value the landlord should

be entitled to the unearned increment, at least proportionally with the tenant."

"In modern days it has been strenuously urged that the landlord, even if a private individual, has no right to this unearned increment. In case the Crown insists upon its rights, however, the Crown will, at the expiration of 75 years, take not only the unearned increment, but the whole value of the improvement effected by the tenants."

"The Crown, in dealing with the Crown lands, is not like some private person selfishly seeking to drive a hard bargain at the expense of an individual, but to dispose of its lands in the best interests of the whole community."

"The Crown, as the Commissioners have endeavoured to point out in another part of this Report, has the entire monopoly of all ungranted land, and in the case of the settlers at Kowloon, and on the hills, purchasers were, and are, compelled either to accept the terms that are offered by the Crown, or to go without the land."

"The Commissioners feel sure that the same reasons which decided Earl Grey to sanction the extension of Town Lots from 75 to 999 years would apply equally to the extension of the Leases of all other Lots from 75 to 999 years."

Birthdays Rouse Energy

PASADENA, Cal.

William E. Merrell's hobby is to demonstrate on each birthday his capacity for doing something new. On his 70th birthday he painted a roof. On his 80th birthday he announced that he is rushing a book to completion.

Nazi Plane Leaves Arrives In Formosa On Way To Japan

The German Junkers JU52, which is on a leisurely flight from Berlin to Japan which arrived here on Tuesday, left for Taihoku, Formosa, at 7.50 a.m. yesterday.

The plane is piloted by Baron von Gablenz, director of the German Luftwaffe Aircraft Company, and others on board are Mr. G. Kaumann, who is to foster a commercial alliance between Japanese and German aircraft companies, Mrs. Kaumann, and Messrs. Helm (second officer), Woltschke (mechanic) and Kober (wireless operator).

Although no official confirmation could be obtained from the Eurasia company, it is reported that the plane will be handed over to them on May 18.

Arrives at Taihoku

Taihoku, May 3.

The German plane arrived at Taihoku at 12.35 p.m. Staying here overnight, the German plane will proceed to Tokyo tomorrow to finish its leisurely flight from Berlin.—Domet.

CLIPPER DELAYED

The westward flight of the Philippines Clipper to Hongkong has been cancelled. The Clipper had been held up at Honolulu for almost a week by adverse weather conditions. Mails and passengers will be transferred to a larger Boeing machine, the Honolulu Clipper, which is making its first flight to the East. The Honolulu Clipper left San Francisco yesterday and is scheduled to arrive in Hongkong on May 10.

AIR FORCE IN

The weekly Air France plane reached Hongkong at 12.45 a.m. yesterday with passengers and mail from Hanol. Among those aboard were Messrs. Bowen and Wilham, from Indo-China. The plane will leave on Saturday on the return trip.

NEW AIR SERVICE

Paris, May 3. An agreement has been signed for the inauguration of a weekly air service between Hanol and Saigon on July 1.—Reuter.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

Outward

For London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. May 5. Imperial Airways 7 a.m. May 9.
For Chungking, Sian, etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C., service indefinite.
For U.S.A., via Manila and Guam: Pan American, Honolulu Clipper 8.30 a.m. May 11.
For France, via Hanol: Air France 6.30 a.m. May 6.

Inward

From London, Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. May 4. Imperial Airways 5 p.m. May 8.
From U.S.A., via Guam, and Manila: Pan American, Honolulu Clipper 2.30 p.m. May 10.
From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Service indefinite.
From France, via Hanol: Air France 1 p.m. May 10.

PEACE PLEDGE UNION Social Settlement Work In Need of Funds

That an appeal for funds for the Social Settlement Scheme of the Peace Pledge Union would shortly be made was mentioned at a business meeting of the Union which was held at the Challenge Book Shop yesterday. Mr. R. A. D. Forrest presided. The meeting agreed that a collection box for money be passed round at every meeting, proceeds for the Social Settlement.

Reporting on the Settlement, Mrs. Short said the idea came into existence in November 25, 1937, as an experiment to find the solution of housing the poorer Chinese people in Hongkong. Two reports were published by the original group who took over the Settlement, but at the end of last year this group felt they could not carry on longer. The P.P.U. then took it up as a piece of practical pacifist work.

Mrs. Short then told of the occupants and their occupations, the rent received for each cubicle and bed space, and the number of tenants present in the flats which were in Nos. 53 to 61 Wai Ching Street, Yau-mai.

Lectures had been given on birth control to the women some time ago, while visits have been made regularly to see that the premises are kept clean, said Mrs. Short.

Jumble Sale Arranged Continuing Mrs. Short said that a jumble sale had been arranged for May 12 at the Kowloon Union Church Hall to try and raise more money for the Settlement, and she hoped everyone would help by sending along their unwanted clothing.

Regarding the financial side of the Settlement, Mrs. Short said that \$82 per month was needed to keep it going, while the income from rents and other sources amounted to about \$66 monthly. She added that the P.P.U. had quite a number of generous donations in January which had enabled them to keep going until now.

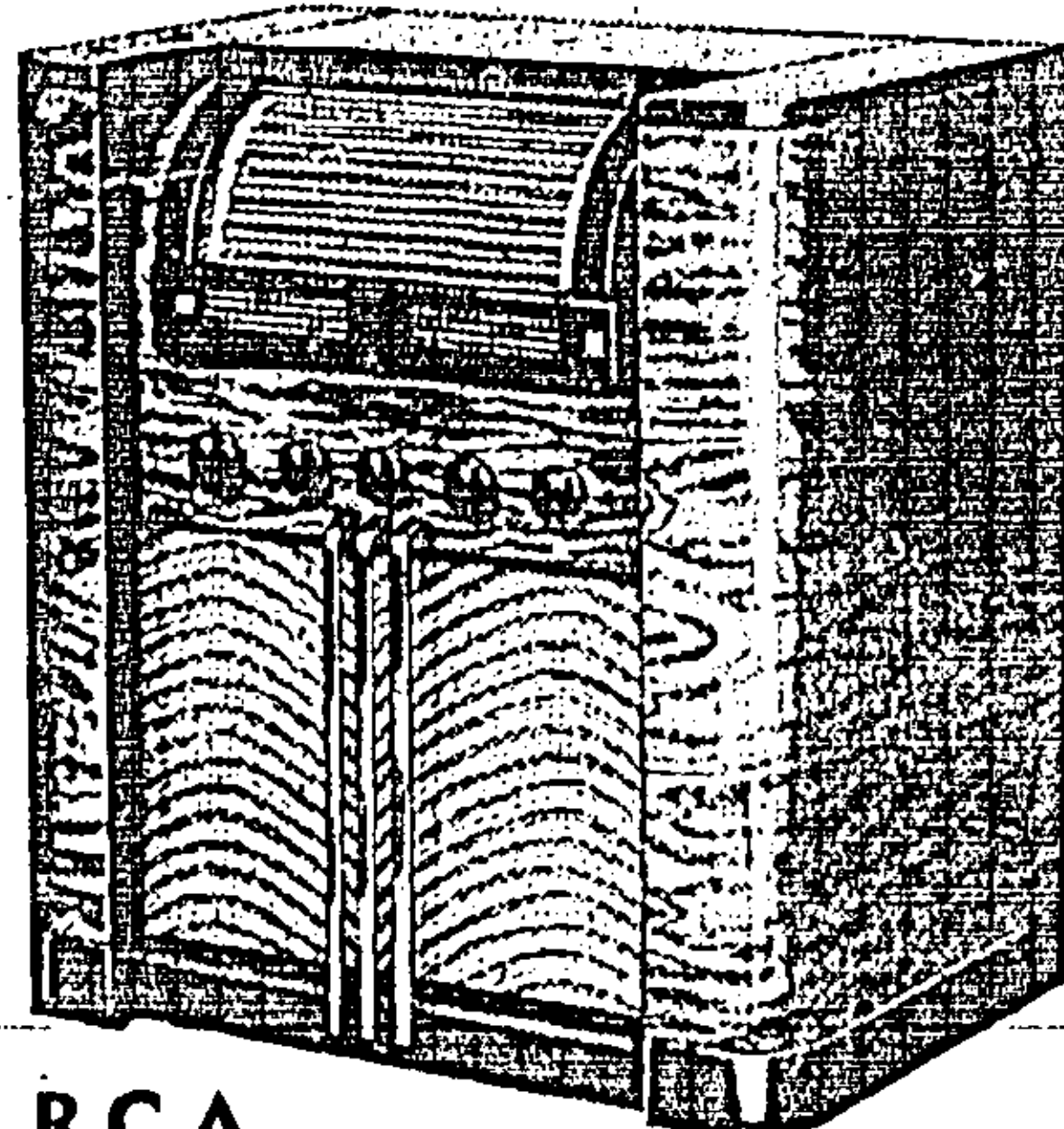
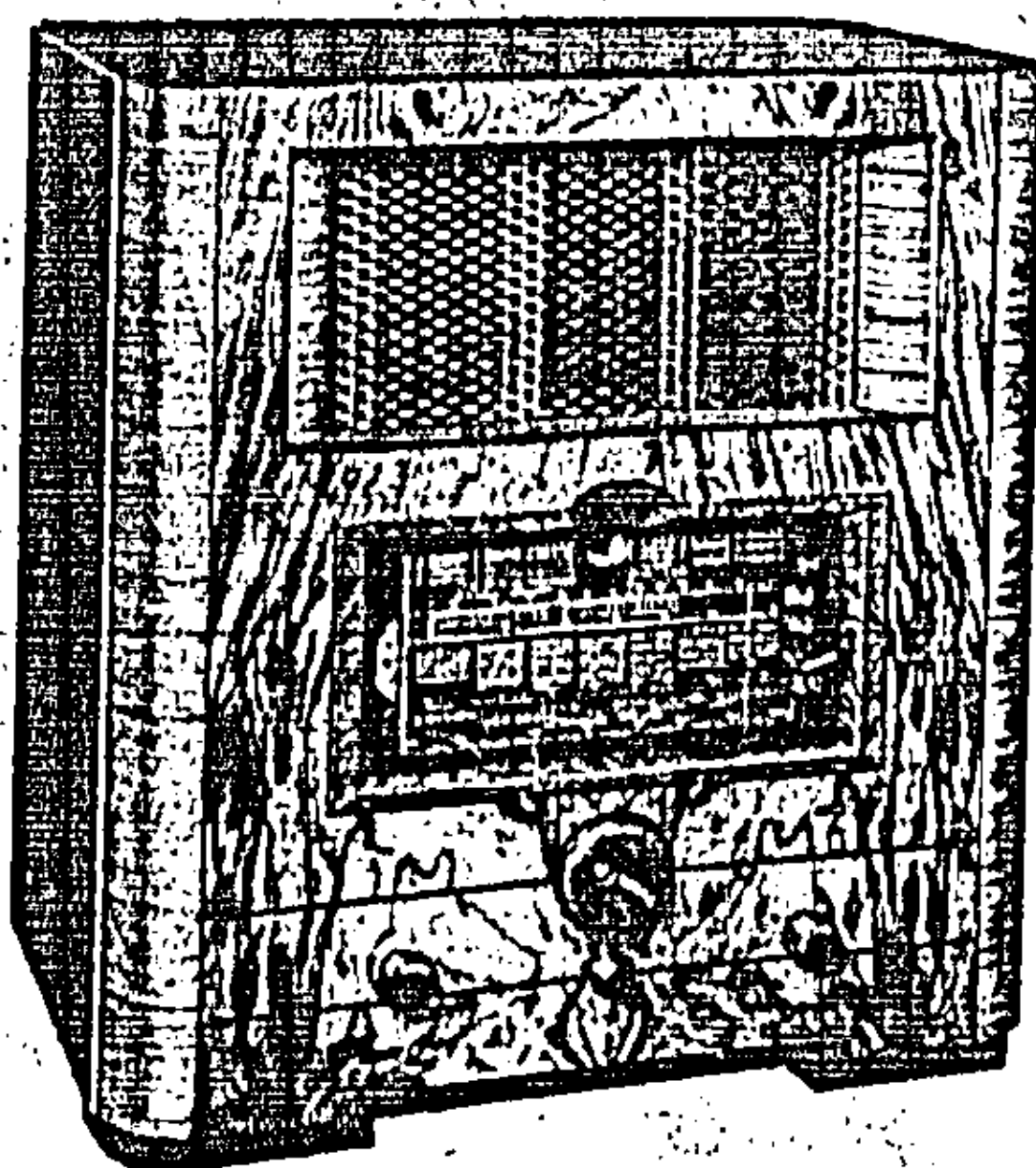
This speaker for the next meeting on May 10 will be Dr. K. L. Reichelt, who will speak on "A Message of Peace from Madras" while members will meet at the Jordan Road ferry, Kowloon, on May 17 at 8.45 p.m. for a visit to the Social Settlement.

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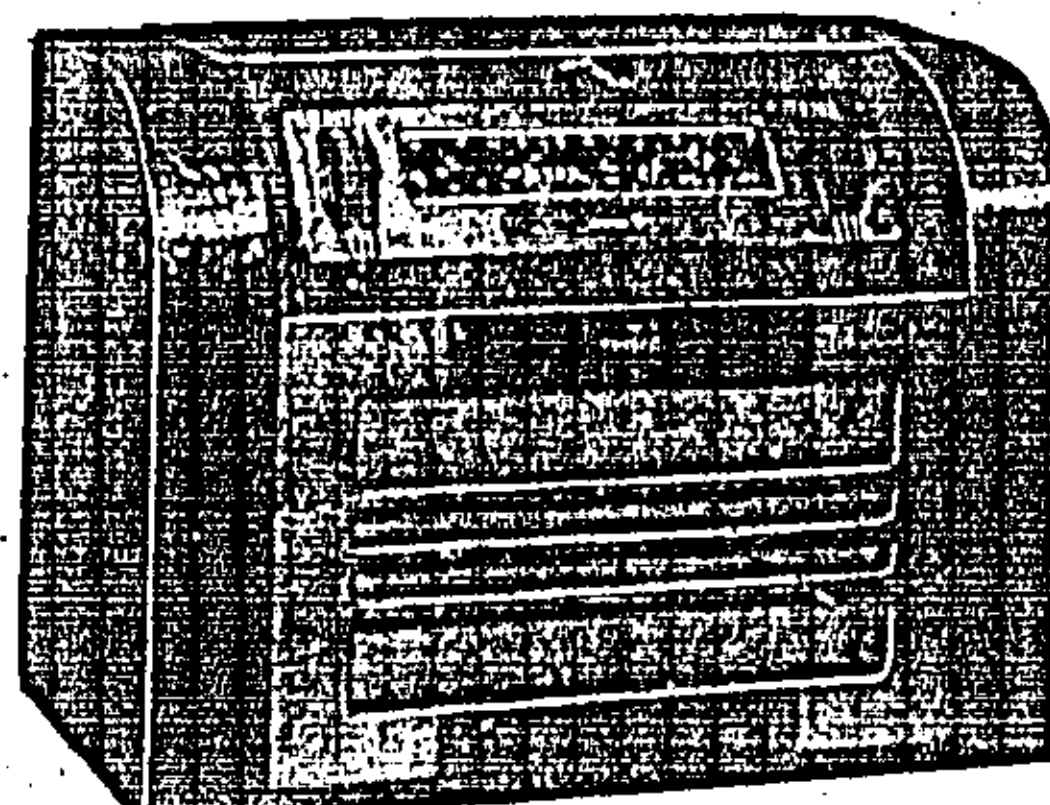
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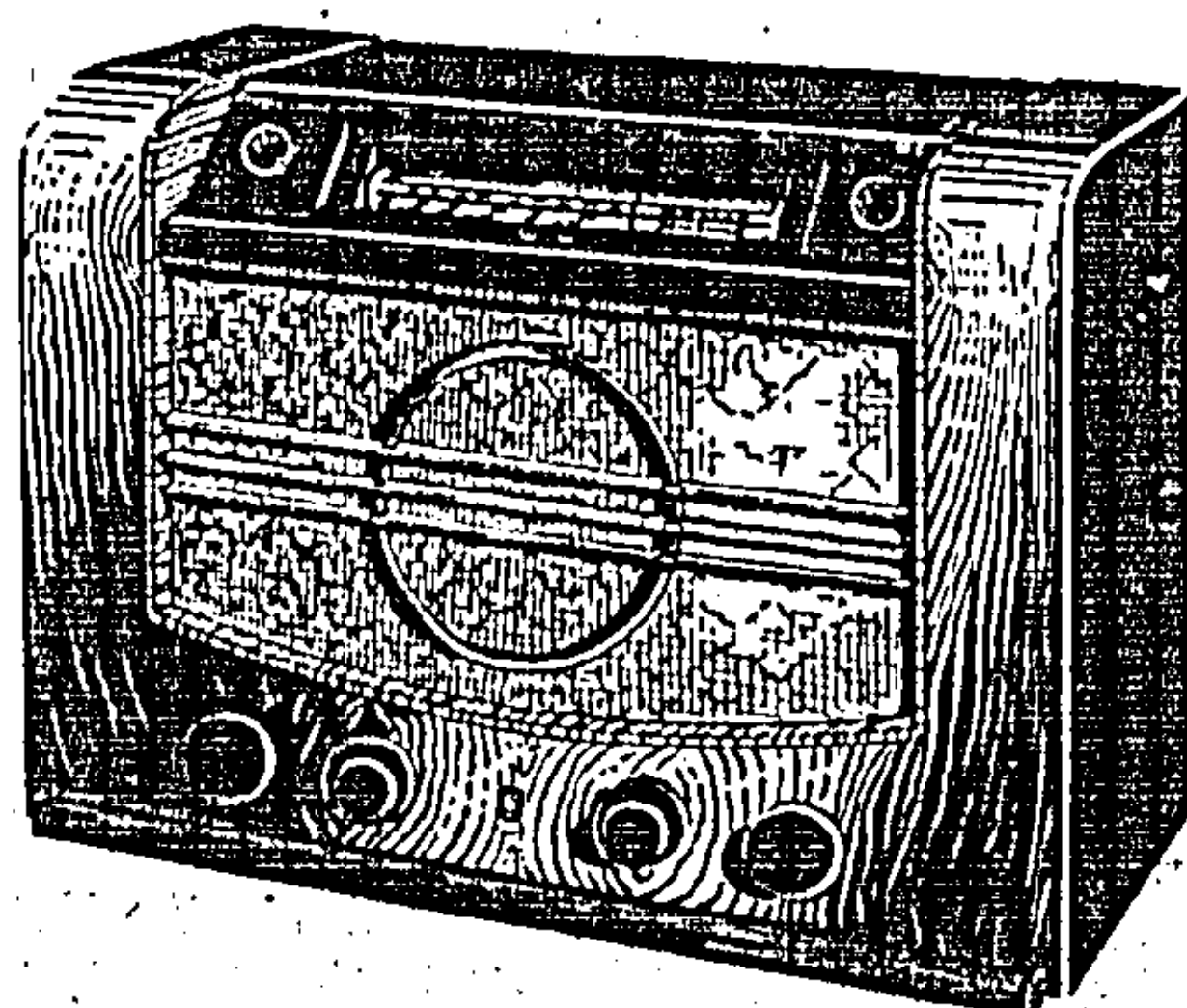
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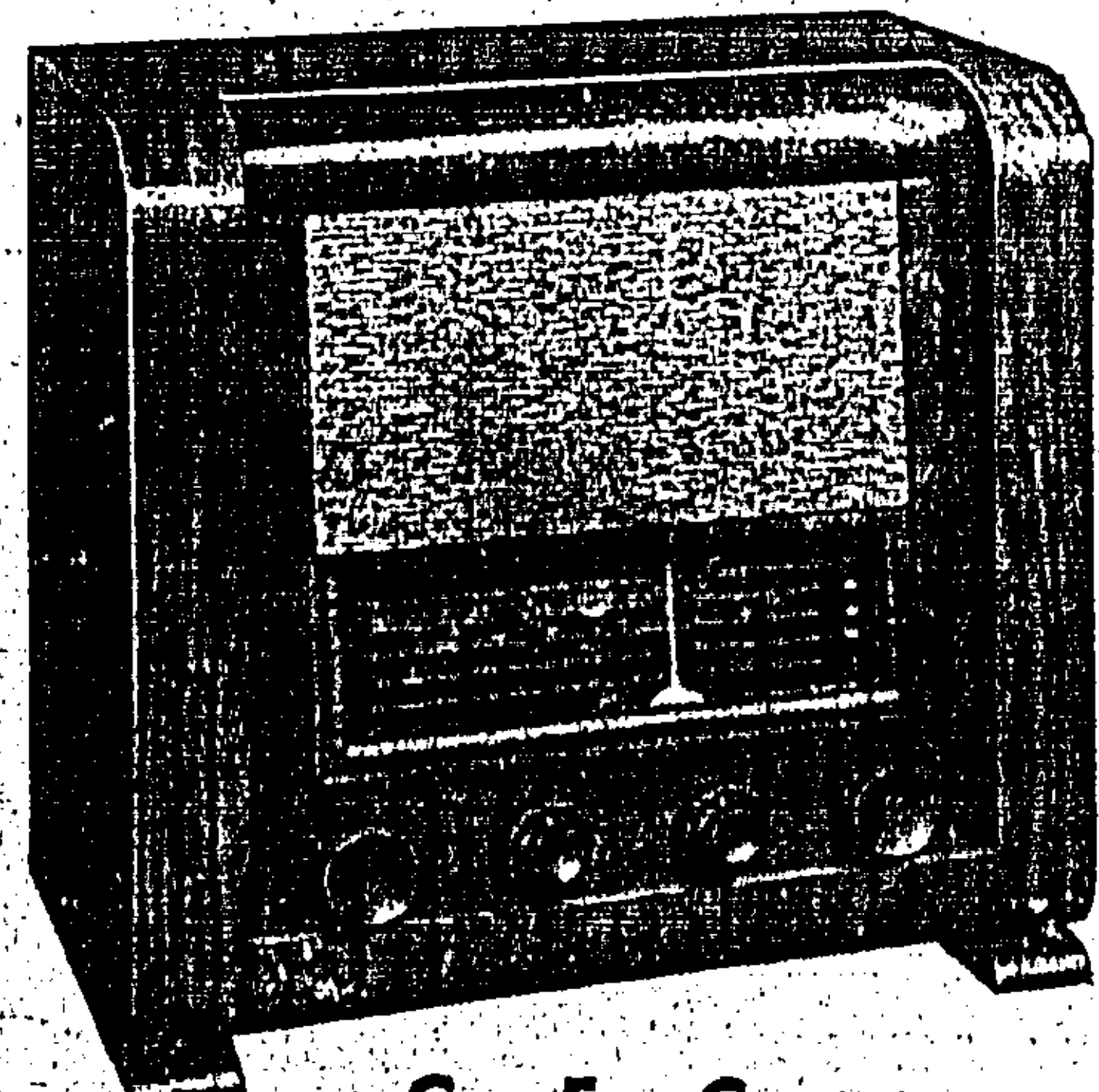


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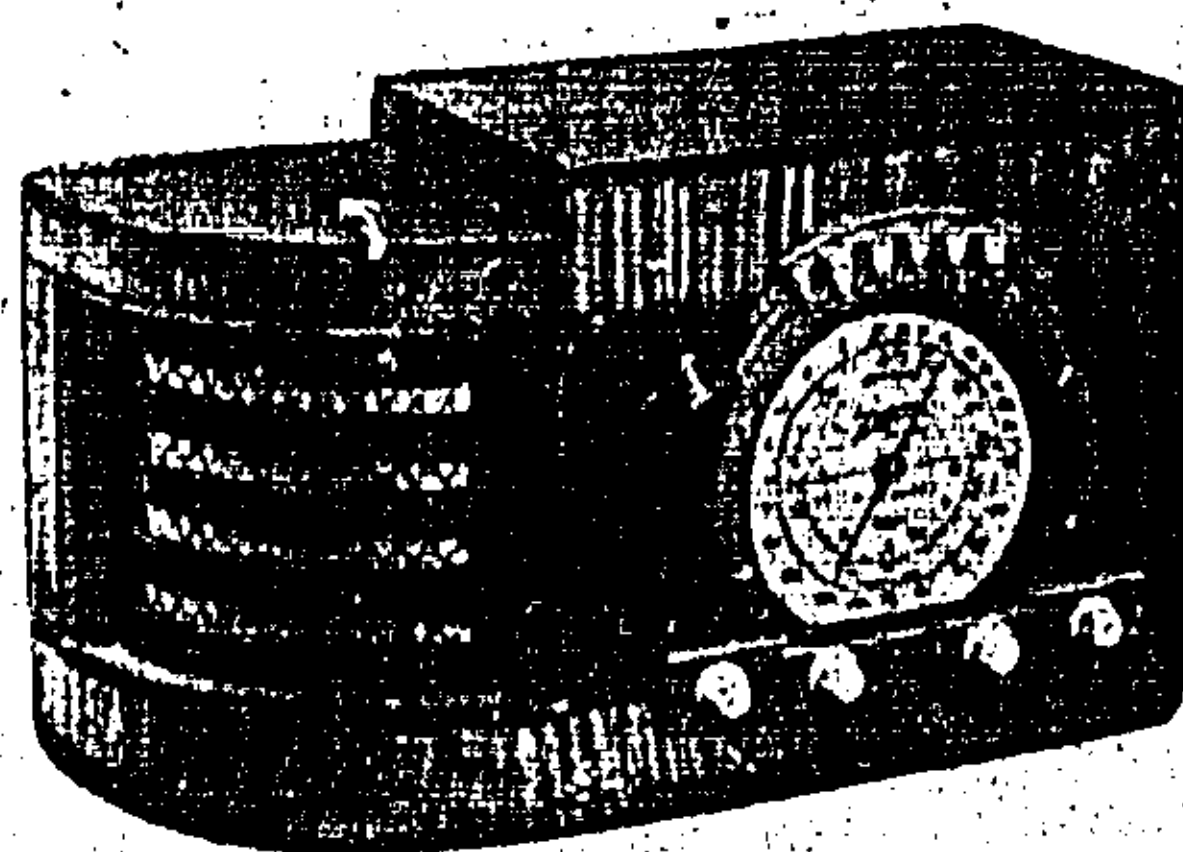
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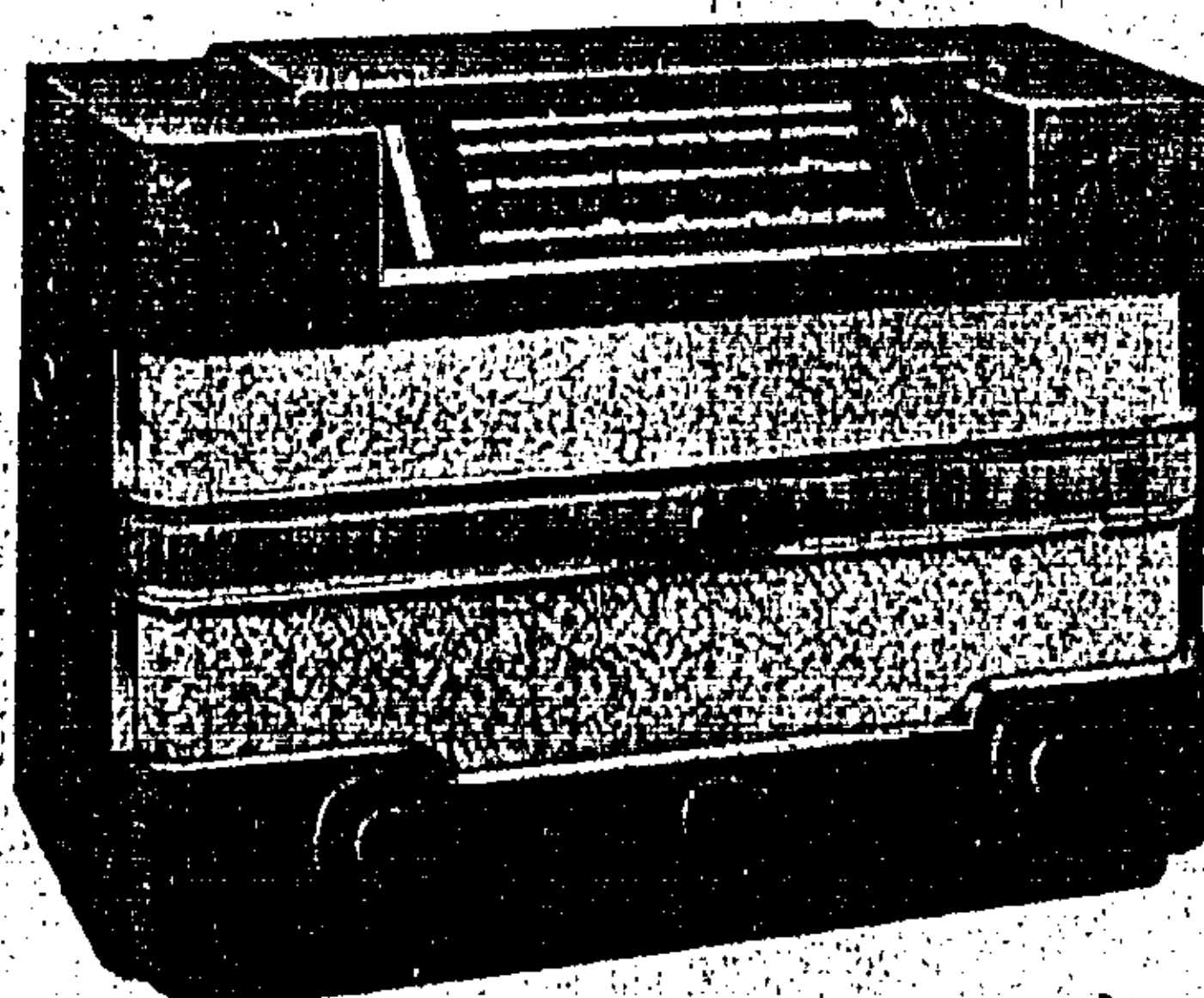
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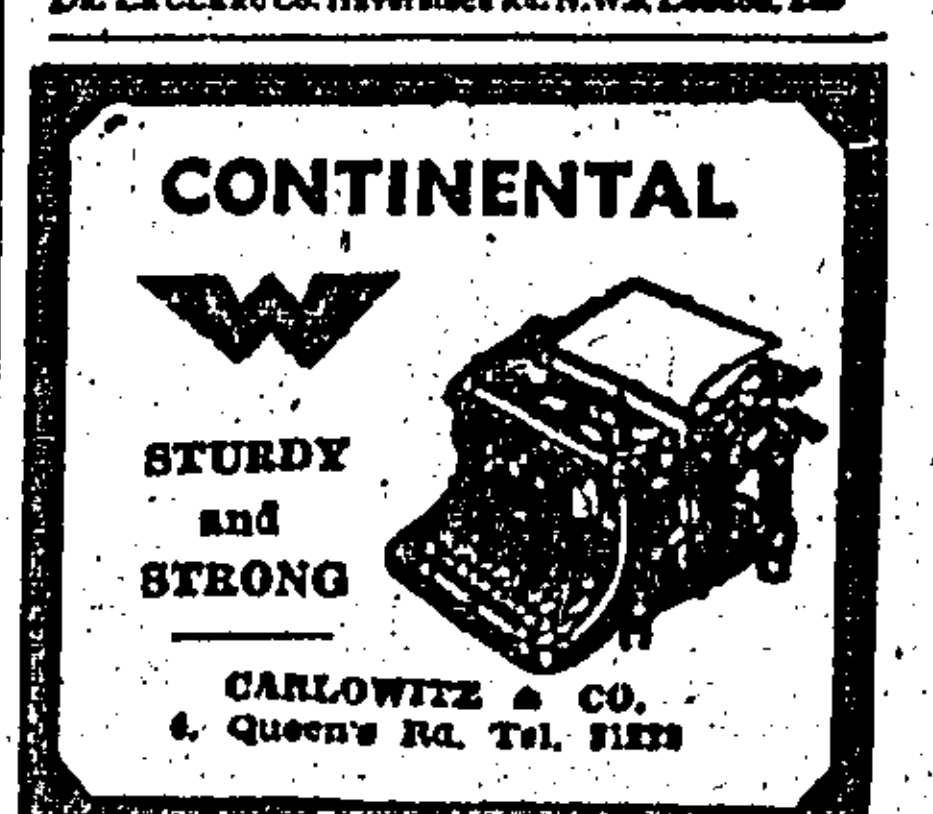
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Shanghai and Swalow	Kwangtung	May 4.
Japan	Santhia	May 4.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 14th April)	Emp. of Japan	May 5.
Australia and Manila	Tanda	May 5.
Java	Tjissalac	May 5.
Shanghai	Glenapp	May 5.
Shanghai	Gneisenau	May 5.
Tientsin and Swatow	Hupei	May 5.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kingyuan	May 5.
Straits	Pyreus	May 5.
Halong, Pakhol and Fort Bayard	Soochow	May 5.
Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru	May 5.
Calcutta and Straits	Yuen-sang	May 5.
Straits	Anhui	May 7.
Halong	Canton	May 7.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.) London date, 6th April.	Haruna Maru	May 7.
Japan	Arabia Maru	May 8.
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Calcutta and Straits	Sirdhana	May 9.
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OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Thursday		
Swalow	Pronto	Thurs., May 4, 12.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Sarpen	Thurs., May 4, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco and (Papers only for Canada)—due San Francisco, 25th May.	Pres. Cleveland	Thurs., May 4, K.P.O.
	Parcels	May 4, 4 p.m.
	Reg.	May 4, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 4, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	May 4, 4 p.m.
	Reg.	May 4, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 4, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 11th May	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., May 4, K.P.O.
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	Ord.	May 4, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 12th May	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., May 4, K.P.O.
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Manila, Raboul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 22nd May	Nellere	Thurs., May 4, K.P.O.
	Parcels	May 4, 8 p.m.
	Reg.	May 5, 8.45 a.m.
	Ord.	May 5, 9.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Haldia	Thurs., May 4, 7 p.m.
Friday		
Tientsin	Bennelder	Fri., May 5, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Yachang	Fri., May 5, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hunan	Fri., May 5, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow	Laos	Fri., May 5, 1.00 p.m.
Swatow, Chuanchow and Foochow.	Halching	Fri., May 5, 2 p.m.
Shanghai	Sulyang	Fri., May 5, 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion and Madagascar	Tegelberg	Fri., May 5, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., May 5, 4.30 p.m.
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	Reg.	May 5, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 5, 7 p.m.
Papers only for Straits and (Parcels and Papers for Calcutta).	Santhia	May 5, 5 p.m.
	Parcels	May 5, 5 p.m.
	Papers	May 5, 8.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Shanghai	Tanda	Sat., May 6, 8.30 a.m.
Madang, Salamaun, Tulagi and Raboul	Friderun	Sat., May 6, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K. L. M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 18th May	Suwa Maru	Sat., May 6, K.P.O. and G.P.O.
	Reg.	May 6, 1.30 p.m.
	Ord.	May 6, 2 p.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 6th June	Suwa Maru	Sat., May 6, K.P.O.
	Reg.	May 6, 1.45 p.m.
	Ord.	May 6, 2.30 p.m.
Manila and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Gneisenau	Sat., May 6, 4.30 p.m.
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan	Haruna Maru	Sat., May 6, 5 p.m.
Sunday		
Fort Bayard and Pakhol	Kwangtung	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Shantung	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Halong	Talsang	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Japan	Yuen-sang	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques and (Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban)	Arabia Maru	Sat., May 8, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 15th May	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., May 8, K.P.O.
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	Ord.	May 8, 5.30 p.m.
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	Reg.	May 8, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 8, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 15th May	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., May 8, K.P.O.
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	Ord.	May 8, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	May 8, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	May 8, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 8, 7 p.m.
Tuesday		
Canton	Faishan	Tues., May 9, 7.15 a.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Yuen-sang	Tues., May 9, 12.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Halphong	Jean Dupuis	Tues., May 9, 1.15 p.m.
Chuanchow and Amoy	Kingyuan	Tues., May 9, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulua, and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 17th May.	Pan-American Airways plane	Wed., May 10, K.P.O.
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	Ord.	May 10, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	May 10, 5.30 p.m.
	Reg.	May 10, 5.30 p.m.
	Ord.	May 11, 7.30 a.m.

BOLEROS for all OCCASIONS



The bolero is navy blue, the skirt and wide corselet are bright red, and the blouse white. (Molyneux.)

PARIS.
IN Paris we have always liked the youthful line of the bolero. This season there is not one collection in which there are not innumerable

boleros in every material and every colour. Morning, afternoon and evening they are smart. There are some with rounded corners, others with square lines, still others have round collars so wide that they are almost capes.

FOR the morning one sees many plain-coloured boleros worn over Scotch plaid dresses. They are, of course, very short, so as to reveal the belt of the dress, which mounts very high, well above the waist.

For ample skirts or pleated skirts it is a very appropriate garment, much more becoming, to my way of thinking, than a jacket.

It was impossible to vary the line of boleros beyond a certain point. Square or round, long or short sleeved, they are always boleros. Therefore, it is in the fabrics, the colours and the trimming that an infinite variety reigns.

I like enormously Piquet's boleros in navy blue wool lined throughout in white pique. I suspect them, incidentally, of being reversible. This dressmaker has treated several models in this way. Some are lined with printed silk, others with wool in a different colour.

Schlaparelli has several boleros, and most of them have a special line, which gives the impression that there are two of them, one over the other. Molyneux attaches a great importance to boleros.

His are emphasised by a very wide belt in a colour different from that of the dress. Sometimes a very light bolero is worn over a dark dress, as in one model where a taffy pink bolero is worn over a very "dressed" black bolero afternoon frock.

OVER the pleated lace dresses which many dressmakers show the long-sleeved bolero is especially suitable, as it serves to make the dress easier to wear.

Everywhere dinner dresses are covered by a bolero, more or less fitted, usually elaborately embroidered or brightened with multi-coloured paillettes. They are all long-sleeved and the dresses under them are deeply décolleté.

THE other evening I saw an elegant woman in a restaurant wearing a dress in dull black crepe whose severity was softened by a bolero in white cloth entirely studded with gold and turquoise.

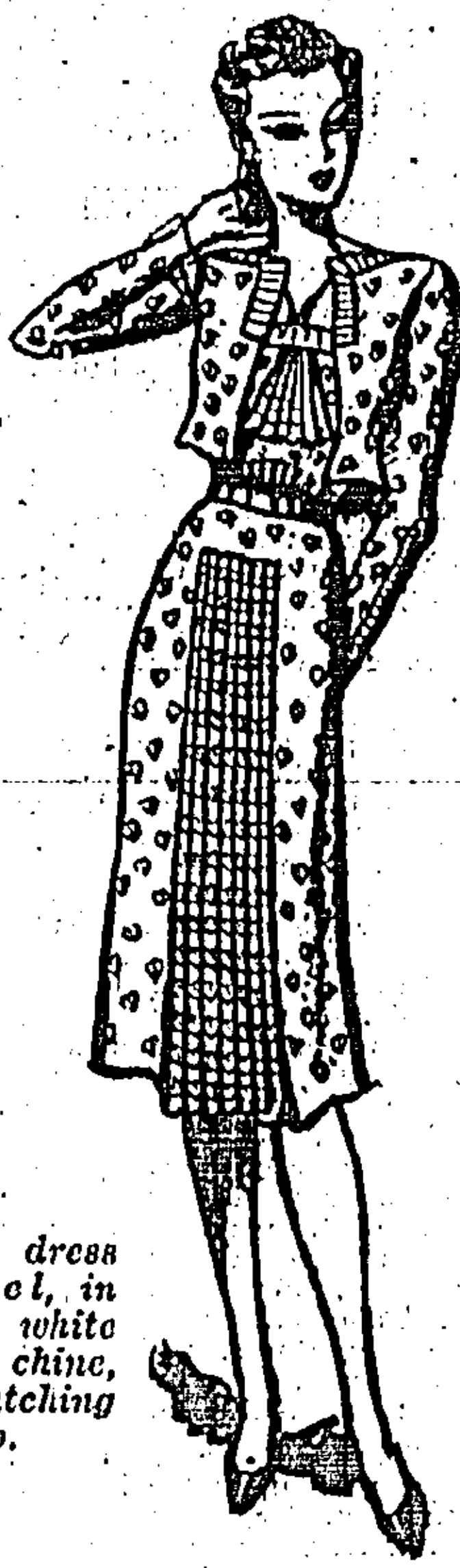
Of course, printed ensembles are numerous. The dressmakers, considerably helped by the fabric manufacturers, who have made really marvellous stuffs this season, have been able to profit by the design of the material, and even its coloured edge, to border the boleros in a charming way.

Thus one often sees a dress printed in blue and white accompanied by a bolero printed in red and white outlined with the stuff of the dress. And if it is not an encrusted band, it is the stuff that is specially printed for this purpose.

Fashion insists, as you know, on a weep waist this season, and your waist must be slender to wear a bolero with chic.

Furthermore, in my opinion, boleros are for the small or medium-sized woman, for big women, and very tall women, jackets are much more suitable.

It must be admitted, by the way, that just now fashion is made to suit women who are small, thin, and very, very young. Dressmakers seem to have forgotten that there are women who are not all, or none of these.



Afternoon dress by Chanel, in pink and white crepe de chine, with matching bolero.

DIETING FOR THE MIND

"MY diet does not allow potatoes, my dear." You hear remarks like this from many people at dinner-time, nowadays. If it is not potatoes it is bread, butter, meat, or some other food.

Diets have come to be recognised as one of the most useful ways of living up or healing the body. You can get a diet to put on weight, to reduce weight, to improve your skin, or to cure one of a dozen ailments.

But while perhaps one person in ten tries dieting at meals not one in a thousand dreams of dieting his or her mind. You never hear the remark: "Oh, I'm not allowed to read that," or "My doctor said I mustn't think that." Yet a mental diet can have quite as beneficial effects as a bodily diet, although, perhaps, it is harder to prescribe and certainly much harder to carry out.

The simplest diets generally reduce the quantity of food to be taken. It is said that most of our bodily ills originate in over-eating. Most of our mental ailments probably result from over-indulgence of the emotions.

You can no more afford to allow yourself frequent outbursts of temper than you can allow yourself four huge meals a day. If you get fits of anger that shake you, leaving you exhausted, it is time you went on a diet.

Not only you, but those with whom you have daily contact, will benefit from there is this difference between mental and bodily dieting, that while choosing your physical sustenance carefully helps no one but yourself, choosing your mental food makes life more pleasant for your friends and relations as well.

Keeping Temper in Control

Decide that you are not going to permit yourself to indulge in excessive emotion and your temper will begin to cure itself. Moreover you will achieve a certain joy in recalling that it is a week, a fortnight, or a month, since you had one of those

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fits of anger that confused your brain, or one of those fits of weeping that shook you like a storm. See the diet through for a month, and you will never be worried by it again.

You will encounter two difficulties. You will make your resolution and then find that when you fall for the first time, it will not be your fault. It will be someone else's fault. Don't you believe it. Other people can no more decide what you think or feel than they can decide what your reactions to certain foods shall be.

The other difficulty is the equivalent of "made up" dishes. People on a vegetarian diet may sometimes eat most unknowingly in a made up dish. There are similar ways in which the very emotions and thoughts you wish to eliminate may creep into your mental diet. You may excuse your anger as "righteous indignation," your fits of depression as "facing facts." The great test is what you do next.

Indignation is only righteous when it is followed up by action. Facing facts implies action, not throwing in your hand. The excessive emotion you feel while you are waiting at a draughty street corner for a friend who is five minutes late is not "righteous indignation," and gloomy contemplation of the possibility of losing your job is not "facing facts."

You may lose your job, but your thoughts would be better employed contemplating calmly the steps to be taken to get another one, and incidentally, considering how you can in future improve your usefulness so that your services are not easily dispensed with.

Common Modern Excesses

After excessive indulgence in temper and gloom the commonest

modern excess is probably excessive day-dreaming. This is encouraged by monotonous work in the home or office.

If you find yourself day-dreaming of what you would do if a fortune were left to you, what you would do if you were a great actress, or what you would do if you were not married, and so on, it is time you went on a diet. Over-indulgence spoils the palate—and you will find the same applies to day-dreams.

For a week try deliberately pulling yourself up every time you begin to day-dream. Consider how actually remote are the chances of your waking to find yourself a rich woman to-morrow. Or turn the dream to rather more practical channels. Dream if you like, of growing a fifty-pound marrow, and start to-morrow getting the garden ready for it. Do not dream of altered circumstances in your life. This is not a matter for dreaming, but thinking.

Control and Reading

How much do you read? A book a day, a book a week? Many people read too much and think too little, and this applies to all kinds of books, fiction and fact. One must follow on another without a pause. Try a diet in which you leave yourself a day or two between books, time to digest what you have read. If you say that the kind of book you read does not call for thinking, try a different kind of book. The change need not be violent.

If you read nothing but romantic novels, try a biography. If your diet has been one entirely of fiction, try a book of essays for a change. You will probably be surprised to find that they can interest you, and you will certainly return to your staple food with added zest.

People who read purely to pass the time need a diet like this sometimes. The reader of serious books needs the diet as much as the reader of fiction—a little starving gives her

Economies Worth Trying

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When small pieces of soap have accumulated, place in a muslin bag and plunge into hot water. Leave for a few minutes until the soap feels soft, remove from the water and form into a ball. Lay the soap in a bag of cold water until hard when it is ready for use.

Scraps of soap may also be utilised for wash-day if formed into a jelly. Place in an old pan, cover with water and allow to simmer gently until quite dissolved. When cold, a fine jelly will form which keeps indefinitely and which whips into a soft, deep lather.

The waxed paper from leaves makes an excellent polish for linoleum or stained floors. The paper does not absorb polish wastefully like a cloth and each piece should be burnt when soiled.

To Tempt Tired Appetites

AFTER boiling ham in the usual way until almost tender, take it out of the water, press apart, paring over the surface with a buttered paper. Then bake it in a moderate oven for half an hour to an hour. Its flavour will be delicious, and quite new.

Apple parings also give a novel flavour to broths and soups. Steam them out, of course, before serving the soup. When cooking dried peas or beans, add half a cupful of vinegar, sweetened with a good teaspoonful of sugar, to the boiling water half an hour before serving.

Each rinsed put into a saucepan, covered with water and brought to the boil make a tasty stock for pea, lentil, and other vegetable soups. Let the liquid simmer for an hour, leave it undisturbed till cold, then strain off the fat and remove the rinds. A few cloves can be added with the rinds if liked.

Mint, parsley, and young celery leaves, chopped finely, give a piquant flavour to buttered eggs.

mind time to put the facts she has gathered in their proper place.

The Habit of Making Excuses

Do you make excuses for yourself?

It can become quite a habit. You excuse the slowness of your progress at the office by the lack of education your parents gave you, or the untidy state of your garden by the cold (or hot) weather, and so on. Try a diet of making excuses for other people. Instead of working yourself up into a rage because your train is four minutes late, think of the hundred-and-one little things that might be delaying it.

Instead of scowling at the office-boy when he brings you cake instead of biscuits, consider that he would probably be in your place if he had had half your education. And when you feel that you have been "hand-capped" throughout your career by lack of capital, think of the millions of people who balance their weekly budgets by a shrapence.

There are a hundred other mental ailments, from fits of irritability to fits of depression, that can be cured by a diet. You may be one of those happy people who have learned early the wisdom of moderation in mental indulgence, and need no diet. But most people take their mental meals like gluttons, hardly pausing to look at the menu simply taking each course as it is put before them.

They would find that a well-balanced diet, even for a month, would become a habit and possibly open up hitherto undreamed-of pleasures.

Grooming For Garments

SOILED suede gloves should be cleaned with suede powder mixed to a paste with turpentine. Rub into the leather and brush off. To simplify treating the fingers, place the handle of a wooden spoon in each before cleaning.

When washing chambray gloves, use almost cold, soapy water to which has been added two teaspoonfuls of glycerine or olive oil. Squeeze through the suede and hang up in a cool place, without rinsing. This treatment keeps wash-leather soft and pliable indefinitely.

Light furs will be made fresh and clean if laid in a deep box and generous handfuls of caustic soda will be rubbed in. Leave overnight and next day shake and brush the furs well.

When suede coats look soiled, rub them over with a piece of gum arabic, obtainable from all chemists. The pile can be raised where necessary with a fine wire brush.

Felt and velvet hats usually show grease marks in spring sunshine. Dip a clean rag in benzine and go over the surface thoroughly, paying special attention to any stains. Hang in the open air for two days.

To clean light shoes which have become dark, sponge with warm water containing a little turpentine. When dry, rub the leather with the inside of a banana skin, then polish in the usual way.

To remove rainspots from velvet or any heavy material, steam with boiling water and shake till dry. Gold and silver dance slippers which have tarnished may regain their earlier brilliance if rubbed over with a little methylated spirit which contains a few drops of ammonia.

When silks and crepes look limp and crushed after washing, add a good handful of sugar or borax to their rinsing water. Iron while damp over thin muslin.



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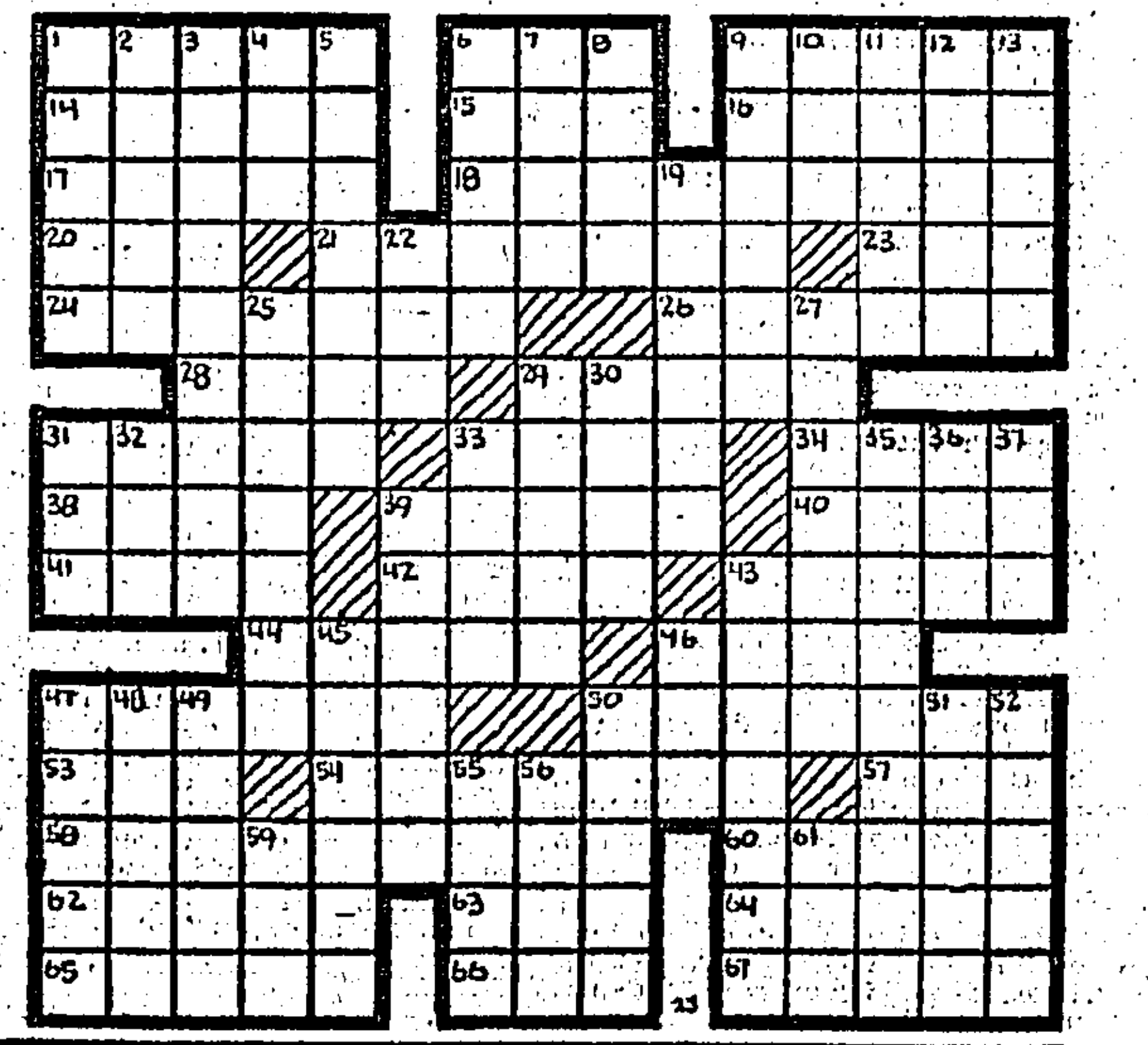
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1—Analogue
2—Duties
3—Pointed
4—Pierced
5—Cutting tool
6—Pile
7—Step
8—Belgian
9—Former European
10—One
11—Who who corrects
12—Share
13—Bread of dog
14—200 milligram unit
15—Flea
16—Flea
17—Exposure to view
18—Early sailing
19—Visite time of
20—Keep from striking
21—Out of three
22—Destiny
23—Pace
24—Authorized
25—More unusual
26—Wild animal
27—Perforated
28—Cure
29—Lack
30—Parame
31—Source of milk
32—Make impression on
33—Smitten
34—Fruit

DOWN
1—Harrow passages of water
2—More unsettling
3—Basis of music
4—Dip of sun
5—Italian curve
6—Of Europe
7—Mediterranean
8—Adjust once more
9—Inconceivable
10—Combination form; middle
11—Tire
12—Those who repose
13—Participating to sup
14—Inconceivable
15—Away from
16—Vegetable
17—Blow
18—Pills
19—Pills
20—Dressed out
21—Add new supplement
22—Fruit
23—More crippled
24—Common fruit
25—Mushrooms
26—Can be left
27—Water pitcher
28—On the ocean
29—Arctic names
30—Pish egg
31—Famously



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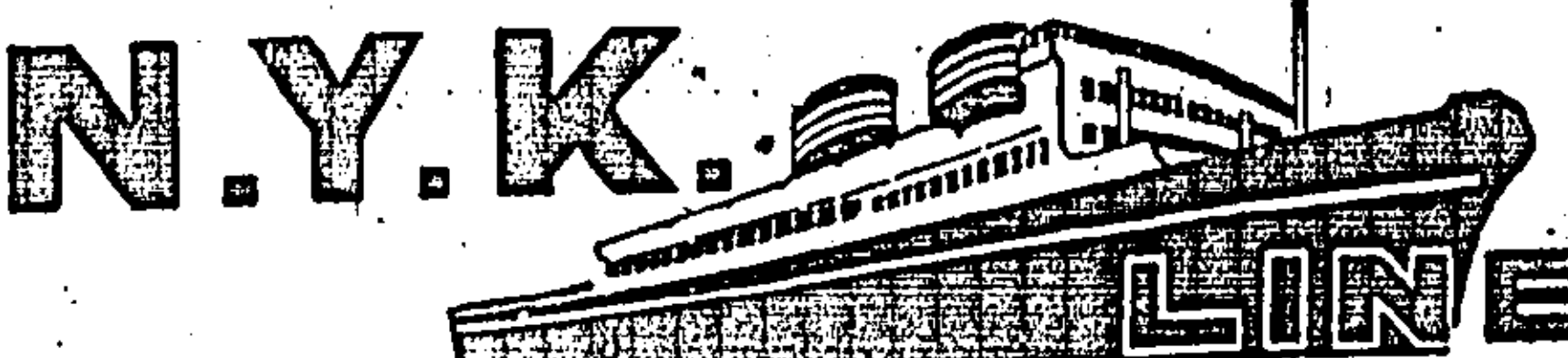
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Possession Claim

Landlord Wants Shops For Re-building

A claim for possession was heard by Mr. Justice Lindsell in the Summary Court yesterday when Woo Chai-tung, claimed possession of 109, Leichikok Road, Shamshui, ground floor, from the Fung Kai Kee firm, which rented the premises at \$40 a month on a monthly tenancy.

Mr. C. d'Almada was for plaintiff, and Mr. J. M. Hall represented Fung Kai, proprietor of defendant firm.

Mr. Hall pointed out that one of his witnesses had to be subpoenaed because plaintiff had attempted to persuade him not to give evidence.

Mr. d'Almada remarked that if Mr. Hall hoped to prejudice the mind of the Court by raising the point at this juncture he was rather optimistic. What Mr. Hall should have done, he said, was to make the suggestion when the witness entered the witness-box.

Mr. Justice Lindsell said he would make a note of it, at the same time pointing out to Mr. Hall that as he was relying on the Eviction Ordinance the onus was on him to prove his case.

Mr. Hall agreed and said that he was not disputing the notice to quit. His defence was that before his client rented the premises in January, 1935, he entered into an agreement with the then owner, Leung Yau, whereby the front portion of the place was to be used for the purpose of his business as clock and watch repairer, and the rear portion as a dwelling for his family. That arrangement was recorded in the first rent receipt issued by Leung.

The premises were comparatively new, having been built in 1924, and his client would say that there was no occasion for plaintiff to have them reconstructed. Defendant would also say that he had made many efforts to find alternative accommodation, but without success.

Question of Hardship
"I wish," continued Mr. Hall, "to ask your Lordship to adjudge who will suffer greater hardship—the landlord or the tenant. I submit that the landlord does not suffer greater hardship than the tenant because he has counted the chickens before they were hatched—before he actually knew he could obtain possession he entered into building contracts for the reconstruction of the premises. Plaintiff would plead greater hardship as a result of this, but I submit that since he counted the chickens before they were hatched by entering into building contracts before he obtained possession, any loss he may sustain, if your Lordship refuse the order, is entirely his own fault, which he could easily have avoided."

Fung Kai gave evidence that since he made with the previous owner and added that the building was strong and safe and needed no reconstruction.

After the notice to quit, he paid house, while he was absent, and his rent to plaintiff's agent, Kwong Sung-sheng who accepted it, and told him that if he wanted to remain in possession he would have to pay a higher rent.

Cross-examined, defendant denied that the arrangement mentioned in the rent receipt was recorded by himself. Following receipt of the notice to quit, he saw plaintiff with first demanded an increase of rent

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to \$85 but eventually reduced it to \$60. Defendant agreed to pay this amount but plaintiff refused to give a written proof of his acceptance and the matter ended there.

Mr. d'Almada: I put it to you that you agreed to take over the premises after reconstruction at \$40 a month and that was why plaintiff went on with the reconstruction?—I did promise that, but I told him I would not quit until I found alternative accommodation. I have looked everywhere but cannot find any.

In answer to His Lordship defendant said he had a family of nine. He made the arrangement with the previous owner about the sub-division of the premises as a shop and a dwelling because he was afraid the owner might think he would sub-let to other people.

"I have seen thousands and thousands of rent receipts but I have never seen one like yours," commented His Lordship.

Leung Yau, the previous owner, corroborated defendant's evidence as to the arrangement that the front portion of the premises was to be used as a shop and the rear portion as a dwelling. This arrangement was recorded by him in the rent receipt at the request of the defendant.

Witness said that he did not know plaintiff, but someone did go to his house, while he was absent, and requested his family to tell him not to give evidence.

Questioned by Mr. d'Almada, witness said he sold the premises to the plaintiff through an agent. Shortly after the sale he went with the defendant to see plaintiff for the purchase of the premises to re-let the premises to defendant after reconstruction.

Hearing was adjourned to May 25.



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EMPIRE NEWS

INDIAN AGITATION IN KENYA

MOMBASA. Agitation over the recent Order in Council, by which Indian subjects of Britain are still excluded from settling in the Highlands of Kenya, is increasing following the protest to the Government of India.

Propaganda is being prepared and pamphlets printed in many languages. German Ammunition. An ammunition dump has been discovered in the Tufi Delta in Tanganyika. It is stated that the arms were buried by the Germans at the end of the fighting there during the Great War, and it is believed that many similar dumps exist in Tanganyika, the whereabouts of which are known only to the Germans.

One result of the German occupation of Czechoslovakia has been that many Czechs living in Mombasa have become German citizens. Although they have repeatedly attempted to gain British nationality, this has never been granted.

AUSTRALIA

WOMEN'S SERVICE IN WAR-TIME

The Minister for Defence, Brig. A. G. Street, states that, under the voluntary national register of women for service in time of war, there will be councils in each State for the registration of women in classes, according to age and qualifications.

The services that women will be called upon to undertake will include the provision of supplies for combatants, organisation of hostels, rest homes, reading rooms and coffee stalls, entertainment, car driving, air raid precautions, censorship and interpreters' work.

SOUTH AFRICA

MANY FACTORIES TO MANUFACTURE ARMS

CAPE TOWN. Arrangements have been completed for the manufacture in bulk of both field artillery and ammunition by factories in South Africa. The factories will be situated mainly on the Rand.

The various component parts will be turned out by different factories, and the assembling done by the Union Department of Defence.

Aid for British Cars.—The tale of British cars in South Africa will be greatly encouraged by a new system of rated duties, which, it is understood, will be introduced shortly.

LATE NEWS

Only 12 Men Know How It Is Done

A GREAT experiment which is likely to guarantee for Britain complete petrol and oil supplies for her Air Force, Navy, and mechanised Army without the need for oil from abroad is now nearing a successful completion.

Government experts who have watched the experiment from its earliest stages are satisfied that the new process is practicable. Only 12 men know the secret.

They have checked every stage of the experiment, and so satisfied are they that, on behalf of the Government, they have obtained an agreement for first rights in the invention.

Up till now the closest secrecy has been maintained. All that is known is that the works where the experiments have taken place are in North England—but not at Billingham-on-Tees, where existing oil-from-coal plants are located.

It is known, too, that the new process is radically different from any now in operation. It is stated that low-grade coal from a commercial point of view is practically unusable—will become valuable as the raw material of new oil.

The first oil to be produced by the new process was a heavy grade suitable for Diesel engines (used in tanks and submarines).

Then a fuel oil suitable for burning

Toledo To Enlarge Zoo

Toledo, O. City council has appropriated \$83,100 for new construction at Toledo's zoo. The aquarium will be completed and a new botanical conservatory constructed with the money, most of which will be sponsor funds for WPA work.

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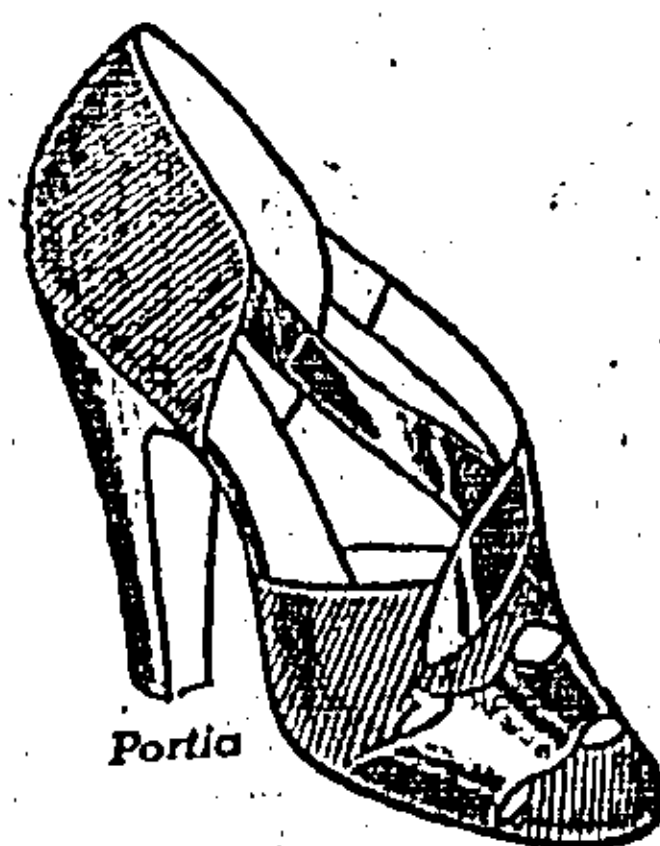
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Mare Island Navy Yard, Cal. The navy doesn't like to have the names of its ships cluttered up with too many 'S's. As a consequence, when the new United States submarine "Swordfish" is launched here, one of the "S's" in its name, U.S.S. "Swordfish," will be eliminated. Just at present, it is not known just what "S" will be deleted.

Rival Anglers
Euron, Australia. Twenty-two fishermen here are inclined to suspect that fish have a sense of humour. They are members of two rival angling clubs and staged a fishing competition. But the only fish caught was a 14-pound perch. The "lucky" contestant who caught it not only won the match but was awarded the trophy for the biggest catch.

QUEEN GERALDINE
Istanbul, May 3. King Zog and his sisters, and Queen Geraldine and her baby have arrived here with 70 leading Albanians.—Reuter.

HONOUR FOR GENERAL
London, May 3. The King has invested Major-General Telfer Smollett, as Companion of the Order of the Bath.—Reuter.

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A FEW NOTES ABOUT THE LUNAR ECLIPSE

THE MOON kept to the "line-table" of last night's eclipse and entered the earth's shadow punctually at 8.20 p.m.

A few minutes later the obscuring shadow crept over the bottom left-hand limb of the moon and it was entirely in the shadow at 11.11 p.m. and theoretically totally eclipsed.

Hongkong, however, saw nothing of the eclipse although it became evident that something was afoot by the blackout.

Clouds completely obscured the moon during the entire period of eclipse, and attempts to witness the proceedings failed.

A "Telegraph" reporter, assigned to "cover" the eclipse, writes: "I didn't see the eclipse. Nobody saw the eclipse. But I don't think it matters. All the Royal Observatory officials and astronomers knew exactly what was happening, anyway!"

JAPAN PRESENTS DEMANDS

TOKYO, May 4.

PROPOSALS FOR a drastic revision in the administrative structure of the International Settlement in Shanghai were presented yesterday to the Ambassador of Great Britain and the United States by Mr. Sawada, vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.

In the proposals Japan complains *inter alia* that the election system to the Shanghai Municipal Council was undemocratic.

He contended that the British monopolised the important offices and tended to act in an "oligarchical" manner.

Mr. Sawada added that essential land regulations must be brought up to date to meet new conditions, and the Municipal Council must be reformed to represent more fairly the various interested nationalities, particularly must Japanese representation be increased.

The British and American Ambassadors are conveying Mr. Sawada's views to their governments.—Reuter.

BOYCOTT OF JAPAN Startling Action By France

PARIS, May 3.

The French Government to-day published a decree banning all Japanese imports with the exception of silk and camphor.

The decree will become effective on May 10.—United Press.

Totalitarian Agreement

Germany and Italy To Announce Pact

TOKYO, May 4.

THE "ASAHI SHIMBUN," quoting information reaching Tokyo, declares that Germany and Italy will announce over the week-end conclusion of a military alliance in retaliation against the encircling policy of Great Britain and France in league with the Soviet Union.

While doubtful as to whether the forthcoming alliance will be directed against Great Britain, France and the Soviet Union, the paper asserts that it is a natural outcome of the tense European situation which precipitated the differences between the Axis Powers and the Democracies.—Domei.

German Airmen Leave Taihoku

TOKYO, May 4.—The German Junkers JU-52 monoplane piloted by Baron von Gablenz, director of the Lufthansa Aircraft Company, which stayed here overnight, hopped off at 3.06 a.m. for Tokyo to cover the last stage of its flight from Berlin.

The plane will reach Tokyo at 2 p.m.—Domei.



JOHN BARRYMORE

MOVIE THRILLER: PART VIII

SYNOPSIS: John Barrymore, fifty-seven-year-old four-times married actor, believes his fourth wife is jealous of him. He is married to Elaine Barre, 22-year-old pouty-lipped co-ed who hoped to succeed where three other women failed.

They quarrel, start innumerable divorce proceedings, patch it up.

They chase each other across the countryside in efforts at reconciliation. Now read on—

TO-DAY'S instalment of this thrilling serial comes as hot news from a "United Press" correspondent in New York.

Royal Jack to-day asked the New York Supreme Court to give him a legal separation from his dark-eyed wife.

Meanwhile, Barrymore is seeking refuge with his trainer, Ken Kelly. According to reports, he refuses to go back to Elaine on bent knees to promise he will be good, declaring the habits of a lifetime are not going to be subdued to the whims of a school-child.

"Great Lover"

Elaine only recently dropped her own divorce proceedings in which she alleged the middle-aged "great lover" of a number of things, including:

- 1.—Inhuman conduct and extreme mental cruelty.
- 2.—Calling her indecent, profane and unbecomingly names;
- 3.—Threatening to kill or maim her; and
- 4.—Striking her at a party.

In her petition, Elaine asked for temporary alimony—John is already paying £170 a month to his third wife, Dolores Costello and undisclosed amounts to the other two—of \$10,000.

Martyrdom

She dropped her air of martyrdom when asked who was to be her next Caliban.

"Don't tell me life is made up of a series of those," she snarled.

In his counter-petition to-day, John seeks an accounting of his \$300,000 fortune held jointly in his and Elaine's names.

He has coupled the names of Elaine's parents in his suit.

(To be continued)

New Air Service

HANOI, May 4.—To meet the increasing demands at home and abroad, Air France is inaugurating on July 1 this year a new air service linking Wingtiane, capital of Laos, via Khorat, with Bangkok, capital of Siam.

A regular weekly service will also be opened on July 1 between Hanoi, Wingtiane and Saigon.—Domei.

LITVINOFF RETIREMENT CREATES SENSATION

MOSCOW, May 3.

A SENSATION has been created in diplomatic and political circles in London at reports that the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Maxim Litvinoff, has resigned.

The report is confirmed by the official Tass News Agency, which reports that M. Litvinoff has been "released from his post as Foreign Commissar at his own request."

M. Litvinoff will be succeeded by M. V. M. Molotov, President of the Council of Peoples' Commissars.

"Full reasons for the change have not yet been explained," says the "Tass" report.

After the Bolsheviks gained power in 1917, Litvinoff became their unofficial representative in England. One of the most interesting episodes in his career occurred when, a few months later, he was exchanged—almost as a hostage of war—

When he returned to Moscow, Litvinoff was almost immediately made Foreign Commissar, and has retained the post for over 20 years.

His wife was an Englishwoman, Ivy Low.—United Press.

No Information

Moscow, May 3.

Authentic information regarding the reasons and intentions of M. Litvinoff's resignation is at present withheld.

The announcement was made in the following form in a Tass communication:

"The presidium of the supreme Soviet has appointed the chairman of the Council of Commissars, M. Molotov, to be concurrently Commissar for Foreign Affairs, and has

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EXPULSION MANIA

Germany Retaliates Against Britain

BERLIN, May 3.

SIX BRITISH subjects resident in Germany have received orders from the German Government to leave.

The expulsions are direct reprisals for the expulsion of six Germans from Great Britain.

The British Embassy has been informed that all the expelled Britons must leave by May 24.

Those expelled are Mr. H. C. Greene, chief correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," a businessman, an engineer, a language teacher, and two directors of companies.

Further Threats

It is made clear that further "unjustifiable" expulsions by Britain would be followed by further German reprisals.

Government circles told the British Embassy that the expulsion of Mr. Greene implied no imputation against his work as a correspondent, or against the policy of the paper, but was merely a reprisal for the expulsion of the London correspondent of the "National Zeitung."—Reuter.

Belgium Joins In

Brussels, May 3.

The Belgian Government has expelled a German journalist, who is also head of various German organisations in the country.—Reuter.

Goebbels' Tirade

Berlin, May 3.

"We shall pay back doubly and trebly," declares Dr. Josef Goebbels in the newspaper "Angriff," referring to the expulsion of Germans from Great Britain.

The paper adds: "London! Note that our patience is exhausted in this matter also. We shall reply to the expulsions in the only way possible. Nobody shall come then and reproach us."

The "Angriff" attributes the expulsions from Great Britain to a "Jewish Liberal influence."—Reuter Special.



M. LITVINOFF

NO INTERFERENCE BY BRITAIN POLAND MASTER OF OWN DESTINY

LONDON, May 3.

THE BRITISH Government will leave Poland a completely free hand in her dispute with Germany, and will make no attempt to influence the Polish Government's decision as to what is considered "vital Polish interests," according to the Diplomatic Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."—Trans-Ocean.

Stupid Radio Hoax In Reich

"GERMAN TROOPS have occupied Danzig."

It looks startling enough in print, but that hardly expresses the reactions of thousands of Germans in Berlin yesterday when they heard the announcement through their wireless sets.

Immediately listeners rushed to the telephones and rang up Radio House for confirmation, but it was not forthcoming.

"It's a hoax," they were told by officials, who were just as bewildered as the radio listeners as to how such a wireless piracy was effected.

According to the "Trans-Ocean" report, there was a temporary lull in the Berlin programme during Wednesday morning, when, without further preamble, a voice was heard to announce in German that at 10.35 German troops had occupied the free city of Danzig.

The voice added that further details would follow, but none were forthcoming.

The interpellation was apparently achieved by a secret wireless station which the authorities are now feverishly trying to track down.

Rothermere's Warning

London, May 4.

Poland's attitude regarding Danzig is regarded here half anxiously, half admiringly.

The British hold the view that Poland is well able to judge its own vital interests in the matter of Danzig and the Corridor.

The Polish Foreign Minister is considered to have a "cool head," hence it is foreseen that his statement on Friday, while being firm and resolute, will be conciliatory.

The press generally deprecates the reports that Poland will demand the

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Tokyo Agrees On New Policy

Important Step Regarding Europe

TOKYO, May 4.

THE "YOMURI SHIMBUN," leading Japanese daily newspaper, declares that an agreement of views has been reached among the Cabinet members on Japan's policy towards the European situation as the result of the series of conferences during the past weeks.

The paper understands that the Five-Minister Conference including the Premier, the Foreign, Finance, War and Navy Ministers will formally approve the policy in the near future.

Yesterday, discussions continued between Premier Hiranuma, Foreign Minister Arita, War Minister Itagaki and Navy Minister Yonai, the paper reveals.—Domei.

BRITAIN STUDY OF STRENGTH OF SOVIET MACHINE

LONDON, May 3.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT is studying detailed reports of Russia's military strength concurrently with the negotiations to include the Soviet in the anti-aggression bloc.

Such study is aimed, firstly, to assure the British Government that Russia is not over-rating itself when it insists that its own wider proposals should prevail during the present negotiations.

Secondly, so that the British Government may have an answer ready to its many doubting supporters regarding the value of Russia as an ally.

Thirdly, to use figures to persuade Poland and Rumania as to the necessity of including Russia's military might in the anti-aggression front.

Expedite Parleys

Meanwhile the belief is growing among political circles that a more expedite method of conducting negotiations with Russia must be found to eliminate the cumbersome paper work.

Although the Cabinet meeting at 11 a.m. to-day is expected to approve the latest reply to Russia, it is understood that the reply will only be in the form of further instructions to the British Ambassador in Moscow for his conversations with the Soviet Foreign Minister.

Cabinet Discussion

London, May 3.

It is understood that the position of the Anglo-Soviet negotiations was discussed at to-day's Cabinet meeting.

No instructions regarding the British reply to the Soviet proposals have so far been sent to the British Ambassador in Moscow.

It is understood that exchanges of views regarding the negotiations are at present taking place with the French Government.—Reuter.

Counter-Proposals

LONDON, May 3.—The British Cabinet has decided to send counter-proposals to Moscow, designed to bring Russia into the non-aggression pact as soon as France has approved the British reply.

The British proposal includes certain reservations on mutual defence.—United Press.

Another Car Stolen

Yet another case of car-theft from Hongkong streets has been reported to the police.

It involves the car of a Member of the Legislative Council and prominent Hongkong taipan, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dowell.

Mr. Dowell's car was parked outside the Hongkong Club last night, and was stolen some time between 11 p.m. and 11.30 p.m.

A police search was immediately instituted and the car was later recovered in Connaught Road, west of the Harbour Office.

The petrol tank was drained.

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German Plane Arrives In Tokyo

Tokyo, May 4.

The German Junkers JU-52 passenger monoplane, piloted by Baron von Gablenz, which is on a good will flight from Berlin, landed at the Haneda Aerodrome in the suburbs of Tokyo at 2.03 p.m.

The first tangible result of the German fliers' efforts will be seen when a regular air route will be started between Berlin and Bangkok in June. The line will be extended to Tokyo next year.—Domei.

China Prominent In Series Of Questions

LONDON, May 3.—Sir Arnold Wilson asked in the House of Commons to-day whether the Chinese Government was building a railway to the Sino-Burmese frontier, and whether the Under-Secretary for Burma could give an assurance that no railway construction in Burma was contemplated, to connect with the Chinese railway, and that no such project would be entertained without the fullest previous public enquiry, and the assent of the Burmese Parliament.

Colonel H. H. Muirhead said he had seen reports that the Chinese Government had already begun preliminary work for a railway from Kunming towards the Burma frontier. The project of a Chinese railway connecting with the Burmese railway

system had been contemplated from time to time on many occasions during the last 40 years.

He assured Sir Arnold Wilson that nothing would be done in Burma without due consultation with all the

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DESIGNER ACCUSED OF STEALING BOAT PLANS

Held A "Good Position"

STATED to have held until the day before a "good position" with the British Power Boat Company, Ltd., of 15, near Southampton, Walter Whiting Moore, aged 25, design engineer, was charged at Southampton Police Court recently with stealing nine plans, the property of the firm, within the last six months.

When the magistrates granted an application that the accused be remanded Superintendent D. Lucey, for the police, opposed bail.

On being told by the chairman that he would be remanded in custody, Moore observed:

"I don't understand the position. I don't understand what is happening. What does that mean?"

The Clerk: You will be brought before the court again on Friday of next week when this charge will be heard.

Moore: And in the meantime?

The Clerk: In the meantime you will remain in custody.

NO MEANS

Moore was about to leave the dock when he turned and asked if he could have legal aid, explaining that he had no means to obtain it.

He was, he said, a single man and his pay with the company was £5 10s. a week.

He was told that he must apply for legal aid when he appeared before the court again.

The British Power Boat Company is engaged on important contracts for the Government, including the construction of motor torpedo boats.

Charles Laughton Advises Actors

Mr. Charles Laughton, speaking at the annual dinner of the Critics' Circle at the Savoy Hotel recently, said: "Actors to-day must be more vulgar. They must get some of the vitality of the old-time drama and the sex film of to-day into modern drama."

Miss Fay Compton said: "Nowadays first nights seem worse than ever. The stars are full of bored, apathetic people, completely unrepresentative of real theatre-goers. The gallery is full of fans who are intolerant of all but their own favourites."

Mr. Tyrone Guthrie said that once the National Theatre was built it would undoubtedly have to be amalgamated with the Old Vic. There were not enough actors to staff both, or the public to support them.

Grandmother Has First Air Trip At 91

CROYDON AIRPORT, from which scores of her compatriots, fleeing from Nazi rule, have had to be turned away recently, meant security and happiness for ninety-one-year-old Frau Krampfleck.

Flying for the first time in her life, this frail, white-haired great-grandmother came alone from Vienna to join her family in England. She is a Czech Jewess.

For children in Manchester, fearing for her safety, enabled her to fly before it was too late.

Frau Krampfleck had time to pack only a few belongings into a brown paper parcel, but she travelled in her best black silk coat and a bonnet tied with strings beneath her chin.



Homes Are Worse Than Shanghai Slums

HOUSING conditions that "baffle description" and are "worse than could be found in the native quarter of Shanghai," are indicted in the report of a committee of inquiry into anti-tuberculosis services in Wales and Monmouthshire, published recently.

The report says the high death rate from tuberculosis is largely caused by bad housing. Local councils are accused of apathy, neglect, and even "sheer dereliction of duty."

It is significant, says the report, that the disease is referred to in Wales by the fatalistic name of "y dical" (The Decline).

The inquiry has been made by two Commissioners, Mr. Clement Davies, K.C., M.P., and Dr. F. J. H. Coutts, formerly a tuberculosis expert in the Ministry of Health.

"FAILED AS TRUSTEES"

The report adds: "In fact the councils have failed in their trusteeship as guardians of the health and welfare of the people who elected them."

In a description of the old-fashioned Celtic houses in which many live, it is

stated that their height to the eaves is about 8ft. The house is divided into two rooms by a thin partition, one a living room and one the sleeping chamber.

In order to provide further sleeping accommodation, boards are put across from wall to wall above the sleeping chamber. This room is called a "grogloft," and the height at the apex varies from about 5ft. to 6ft. and tapers down to nothing.

"Nothing can be done to make these houses habitable or even sanitary. The only thing to be done with them is to pull them down, and pull them down as soon as possible."

The Commissioners summarise their opinions of individual counties and county boroughs. Some of their comments are:

Anglesey: The record with regard to tuberculosis is an unenviable one, but, considering the housing conditions, it is not surprising. In many parts of the county they remain indescribably bad.

At Llangefni we measured one house; the living room was 11ft. by 7ft. by 8ft., and contained two double beds.

10 HOUSE

In that house, up to March 1938, ten persons had lived—a man, two women, and seven children.

We are of opinion that Dr. Emrys Jones (the tuberculosis officer) did not overstate the condition of the house when he said:

"I think you will agree that the overcrowding in that house was worse than anything one could find in the native quarter of Shanghai."

Caernarvonshire: Has the highest tuberculosis mortality rate among all the counties of England and Wales. Houses in Llanberis in some instances are so wet that the walls cannot be papered.

Carmarthenshire: In Llandovery there is one street where there is a row of houses all condemned. They are all inhabited. As soon as one person dies, or goes out of the house, another one goes in.

Merioneth: We have come to the conclusion that the authorities in this county have been guilty of serious dereliction of duty.

Different than the silent, greeting to Chancellor Hitler in Prague was the eager, enthusiastic welcome given Der Fuehrer when he arrived in Mernel, to take over the Bulle support. This picture, shows Memellanders, eagerly waiting to catch a glimpse of Hitler.

'Swimmer' Of 18 Months In Show

MISS HILLARY MAVIS WAND, of Iford, is just eighteen months old, thirty inches tall, and a member of the Daily Ducklings Swimming Club.

When her brother joined, Hillary went to watch and soon made it plain that she was going in, too.

She had her first bath in February. In about six lessons she has learned to jump confidently into the water to float, to do the breast arm stroke to order, and to kick vigorously with her feet.

She recently appeared in her club's spring display in aid of Her Social Service funds. This was opened by four-year-old Cyril Eastland, who can swim a quarter of a mile, and turn somersaults and handstands in the water.

Scientists Smash "S" Plan of I. R. A. Terrorists

Science has been greatly responsible for finally breaking the back of the "S" Plan of the Irish Republican Army terrorists for sabotage in Great Britain.

For three months Dr. Roche Lynch, the Home Office analyst, has been examining all kinds of articles for traces of explosives, acids.

On a cap he found traces of aluminium powder. The specks were scarcely visible. But Dr. Lynch examined them under his strong lens, identified them.

A drawer of a chest-of-drawers was an exhibit at the Old Bailey. Woodwork was stained. So were small articles found in the drawer. In the analyst's laboratory those

EMPIRE NEWS

MACHINE GUNS FOR COMMANDOS

CAPE TOWN. The conference of commandants and honorary colonels of South Africa's burgher commandos, which has been sitting at Cape Town, recently unanimously decided in favour of the modernisation of commando forces.

The proposal that machine-guns should be issued to each commando and that 50 picked young men in each should be given a thorough military training was received with remarkable enthusiasm. The result will be a considerable strengthening of the Union's defence forces.

The commandants, many with flowing beards, were yesterday entertained by the Prime Minister, Gen. Hertzog, at Groote-Schuur.

Sir J. Maffey, Viscount Maffey, director of Imperial Airways, who arrived at Cape Town recently stayed at Government House. He will confer with Mr. Pirow, Minister of Defence, and other members of the Cabinet this week on the development of commercial flying in Central Africa.

Surplus Expected.—The "Cape Argus" states that instead of a deficit of £100,000, which the Minister of Finance budgeted for last August, Mr. Havenga will probably be able to announce when he introduces the Budget a surplus of more than £1,500,000.

KENYA

COMMITTEE REPORT ON INCOME-TAX

NAIROBI. The Kenya Standing Finance Committee reports as follows on the incidence of income-tax.

"We believe the facts of the matter to be that there is no widespread dissatisfaction with income-tax in Kenya, and we are unable to see that any useful purpose would be served by any prolonging the present inquiries. We do not wish to imply that this report is the last word on the subject. On the contrary, we believe that when the Colony has had more experience of the operation of the tax it will prove desirable that further investigation should be made."

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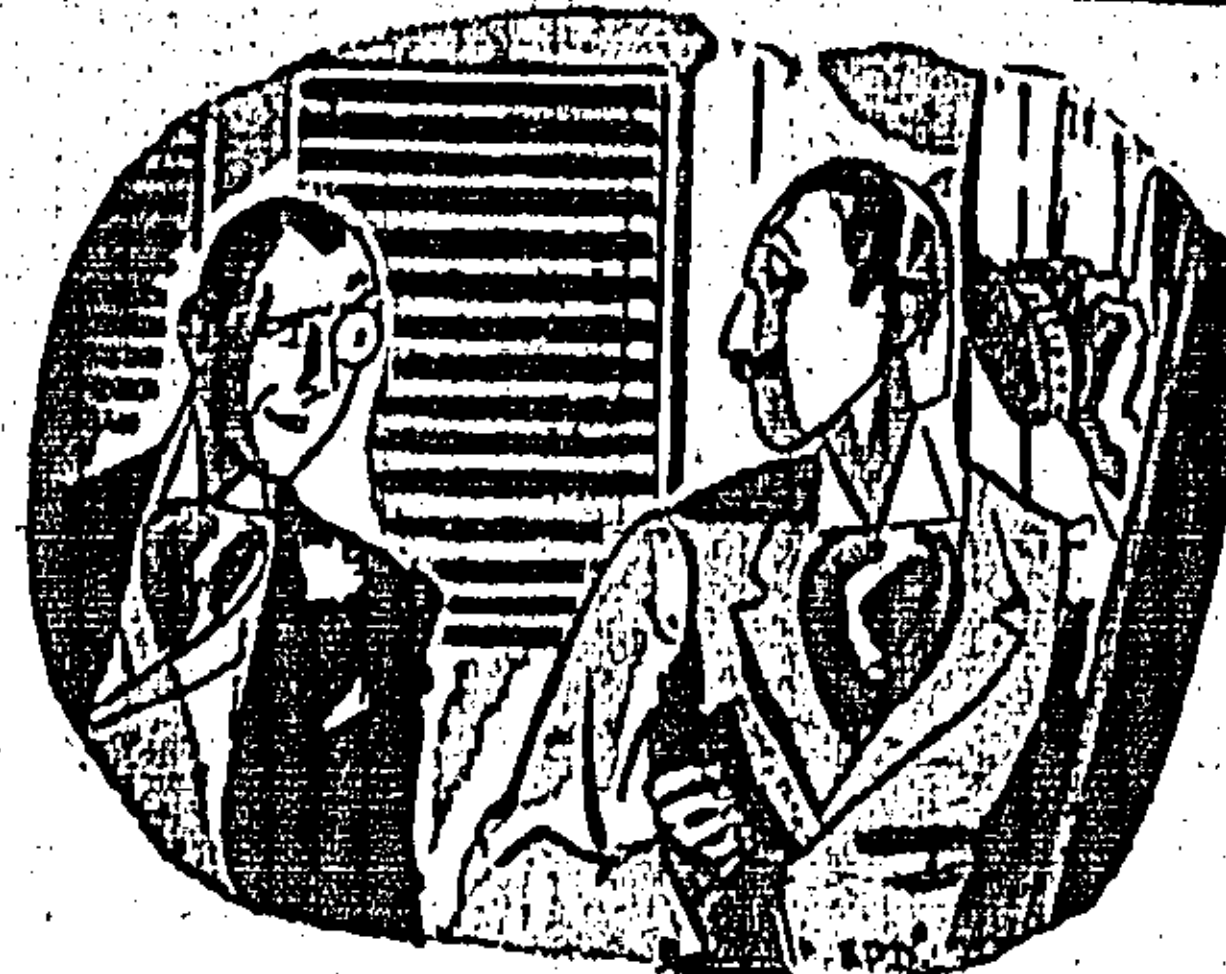
CONGRESS SUPPORT FOR MR. GANDHI

TRIPURI. The plenary session of the Indian National Congress recently passed Pandit Pant's resolution expressing confidence in Mr. Gandhi by an overwhelming majority.

The vote was taken on a show of hands amid shouts of "Victory for Gandhi."

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, the Leftist President of Congress, whose policy is opposed to that of Mr. Gandhi, commenting on Pandit Pant's resolution, stated to-day that the programme on which he had fought his presidential election was not challenged in the plenary session, and that therefore no occasion had arisen for his resignation.

Congress also passed a resolution expressing "India's national demand for self-determination."



AISLE AND FAREWELL

"So the condemned man ate a hearty breakfast?"

"Oddly enough he did—in spite of last night's stag party. All set now for the orange blossoms."

"And the little head?"

"Ticking over beautifully old boy. Cool as a frame full of cucumbers. Am I becoming a saturated solution—or is it just the influence of a good woman?"

"Your ignorance of the facts of life, Edmond, is little short of monumental. Remember the long draught of Rose's Lime Juice I made you drink before retiring? Pause and consider, Edmond—

knowing me as you do—was that pure altruism?"

"I've never known you do an unselfish act in your life old boy."

"Right. My only concern was to save myself trouble and get you to the church in such condition that you could both speak audibly and walk unaided. With the help of Rose's Lime Juice I have succeeded. Listen carefully, Edmond, while I explain the chemical action of Rose's—"

"I say—look! Quarter to eleven! Where's the ring? Where's my hat? Is the car ready? Is my side all right?—Hurry up, hurry up. Where's my—oh, here it is—QUICK!"

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SOMEWHERE OFF the west coast of South America was that unhappy sailor when he sent his sincere letter of apology to his school—the College of the Sea, in Endsleigh Street, W.C. The sea had been too rough for writing.

[Parents of small boys who see in this a new idea should emphasize that it can be very, very rough at sea and that homework might be the lesser of the two evils.]

The newly-founded college is receiving "homework" from ports all over the world—from Halifax (Nova Scotia) to Durban, and Vancouver to Suez.

Among the batch which arrived recently were essays on "Life in a Portuguese House," solutions of problems in geometry by a deck boy of 19, and French exercises from a cellist in a ship's band.

"A ship is the one quiet spot where a fellow can work with his brain today," explained a wireless operator on a tanker, who aims to get a degree in classics.

BRIDGE STUDENTS

The most popular courses promise to be short-story and novel writing, philosophy, foreign languages, astronomy and painting.

Spanish is much in demand. In one ship six men are learning it.

Among those who have inquired for instruction are captains, firemen, saloon boys, radio officers, stewards, A.B.s, engineers, carpenters and pursers.

The name of every boy who signs on for his first voyage at a United Kingdom port is now being sent to the College, and it is proposed to invite each one to enter.

Founded late last year by Dr. Albert Mansbridge, the College of the Sea is in its first term.

FAMOUS TUTORS

For students it will draw on the 6,500 ships of the British merchant marine "somewhere at sea," and for its teachers on the voluntary service of the finest brains in the country—famous professors and tutors from all the universities, directors of museums

Libby Holman Married

Libby Holman, American torch singer who shared the Reynolds tobacco millions, has been secretly married in Washington to Ralph Holmes, twenty-three-year-old actor.

Libby has been picture-news since her husband, Zachary Smith Reynolds, millionaire playboy, was shot in 1932. At one time it was suggested that she would marry Jack Doyle, boxer-singer. But Libby (and Jack) said no.



Claude G. Bowers, American Ambassador to Spain chats with newsmen following a conference with State Department officials in Washington. He was called home recently to confer on questions pertaining to the recognition of the Franco regime by the United States.

DANCER'S BLACK EYE

Judge Looks At It, Gives Her £40

MISS IRENE BARDEN, a cabaret artist, of Carlton Mansions, S.W., who received a black eye in a road crash, was at Westminster County Court recently awarded £40 damages.

She had claimed £100 from Ronald Hugh Charles Pearce, Sherwood Way, West Wickham, Kent, and Taxi-Cabs (London), Ltd., Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush.

Miss Barden was a passenger in a taxi involved in a collision with Mr. Pearce's car in Park Lane last November.

CASINO DANCER

During the case Judge Dumas asked: "Do cabaret artists perform during the daytime, or do they come out only after dark?"

The Hon. Quintin Hogg (for Miss Barden): My experience is that they perform at night.

Miss Barden said that on November 20 she obtained an engagement in the Folies Superbe at the London Casino as a dancer at £5 a week, and to supplement her earnings she accepted film, photographic, model and mannequin work.

Judge: All of which comes under the heading of "very nice work if you can get it."

Miss Barden added that she was in a nursing home for ten days.

De Havilland's First Jump

MR. Geoffrey de Havilland, chief test pilot of the de Havilland Aircraft Company, of Hatfield, and Mr. John Cunningham, another test pilot, escaped by parachute before an airplane which they were testing crashed at Wheatthampstead, Herts, recently.

The aircraft was a two-seater monoplane of a new type which had not been tested before.

A friend of Mr. de Havilland said that when the aircraft got into difficulties Mr. Cunningham and Mr. de Havilland discussed whether they should leap or not. Mr. Cunningham jumped at 3,000ft. and Mr. de Havilland soon afterwards.

It was Mr. de Havilland's first parachute jump.

The airplane passed quite close to Mr. Cunningham as it hurtled to the ground. It hit a tree, crashed through a fence and burst into flames within 200 yards of a farmer's house. Debris was scattered over a wide area.

LANDED A MILE APART

The two men landed in fields about a mile apart.

They went back to Hatfield, and had lunch. Mr. de Havilland was in the air again in another aircraft within an hour and a half.

Mr. Geoffrey de Havilland, son of Captain Geoffrey de Havilland, the airplane engine designer, is 29 years old. He has had a number of escapes while testing aircraft.

In August last year he was piloting an air liner when the fuselage broke after a landing. The nose of the machine tilted in the air and the tail fell to the ground. Mr. de Havilland was not hurt.

A few weeks before he had to land another air liner on the wings, the retractable undercarriage having jammed in the "up" position.

Beggar Hides Clothes

San Francisco. Thomas Welch, 35, ragged beggar, was found to possess secret lodgings, where \$600 was cached, \$125 on his person and a very sumptuous wardrobe. He distinguished between the latter and the ragged costume he was wearing by explaining that the latter was his "working clothes."

Radio By 'Phone Is Defence Move

RADIO programmes by telephone will be made available by the Government shortly.

The purpose is national defence security. Major Tryon, the Postmaster-General, announced recently that the Government had decided to develop the broadcasting service both by relay companies and by P. O. service on telephone lines connected to receiving sets.

The P. O. telephone-radio service will give a choice of three programmes, including National and Regional, by pressing a button at the side of the telephone.

A subscriber will be able to use his telephone simultaneously with the reception of radio programmes.

It is hoped to start the service this year in a few districts and extend it later.

START THIS YEAR

Major Tryon told the House of Commons that relay services were required in times of emergency to transmit any special announcement ordered by the local A.R.P. or police authorities.

Although it is intended to continue radio broadcasting in event of war, the ordinary radio services would be liable to interference or interruption from which the wired service would be immune.

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PACTS FOR PEACE

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and Finland fortifying the Åland Islands provided Sweden and Finland maintain absolute neutrality in the event of war. It is assumed that this is aimed to prevent Russia from seizing and using the islands as a naval, submarine or air base against Germany.

However, if the non-aggression pact with the Baltic and Scandinavian countries are concluded, it means that Germany herself will have renounced any possibility of seizing the Ålands for use as a base against Russia.

Observers here regard these actions as being designed to quarantine the entire Baltic in the event of war, enabling the German fleet freedom to operate there without fear of possible attack.—United Press.

Finland And Sweden

HELSINKI, May 3.—The Finnish Foreign Office has commenced discussions with Sweden regarding consideration of the proposal for a joint agreement between the two countries.

An official communiqué is expected in about two days.—United Press.

Nordic's Reply

COPENHAGEN, May 3.—The Swedish, Norwegian, Danish and Finnish foreign ministers have agreed to meet at Stockholm next Tuesday to frame a joint reply to Hitler's proposal for a non-aggression pact.—United Press.

Right To Neutrality

Oslo, May 3.—The attitude of Norway and other northern States is the desire to have the right to maintain neutrality as far as possible, declared Foreign Minister Kvit in a debate in Parliament today.

Nobody thinks of denying us this right, he added. Even if the League of Nations cannot help us, there is no reason to renounce our membership, because the League remains the centre of international efforts to promote justice and peace.

The Conservative leader, M. Hambro said it was undesirable for Norway to bind herself by security pacts to one or other groups of powers.—Reuter Special.

Will Give Assurances

London, May 3.—In reply to a question in the House of Commons today, Mr. Neville Chamberlain confirmed that the British Government would be willing to exchange assurances with Germany similar to those exchanged with Poland, which would reciprocally guarantee the countries against aggression.

The Premier added that he had already made it clear that the charge levelled against the British Government of pursuing a policy of encirclement was baseless.

Answering another question, the Premier said that the British Government would welcome any suggestion for extending the scope of such guarantees, which were at present confined solely to defence against unprovoked attack.

Mr. Chamberlain further stated that he was not in a position to say whether the British Government would be prepared on principle to conclude a defensive pact with the Soviet Union similar to the Franco-Soviet pact. On the other hand, Mr. R. A. Butler informed the House that the British guarantee for Rumania and Greece would not be transformed into an agreement based on the principle of reciprocity as was the case of the guarantee to Poland.—Trans-Ocean.

POLAND MASTER OF OWN DESTINY

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protectorate of Danzig, but Lord Rothermere in today's "Daily Mail" and "Daily Sketch" editorially warns Poland against "exaggerated claims" and a "truculent attitude."—United Press.

Relations Worser

BERLIN, May 3.—Polish-German relations are worse. To-day's Berlin press strongly warned Warsaw against rejecting Hitler's demands.—United Press.

Mon Retained

WARSAW, May 3.—A decree by the Polish State President dated April 28 was made known today. It is coming into force immediately, and prolongs the duration of service of officers who have been pensioned or who have retired on leave. Obligatory service in manoeuvres is now extended from four weeks in two successive years to ten weeks.—Trans-Ocean.

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NOTICE.

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The Fifty-Eighth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 18th May, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th May to the 8th June, 1939 inclusive.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of May, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Stanley, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years. Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
1	North West of Rural Building No. 352, Stanley.	as per sale plan.	1400	26,000	\$283	\$6,500

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2	West of and adjoining Inland Lot No. 368, Wong Nei Chung.	as per sale plan.	47,660	4,692	\$1,830	

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T.T. London	1s. 2 1/4
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T.T. Shanghai	177
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	105
T.T. India	31 3/4
T.T. U.S.A.	20 1/2
T.T. Manila	57 1/2
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LONDON, May 3.—The British Foreign Secretary, Viscount Halifax, was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace this afternoon. Nothing is known about the subject of the conversation, which lasted half an hour.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINA PROMINENT IN SERIES OF QUESTIONS

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Interests in Burma concerned.—Reuter.

Dredging In Whangpoo

London, May 3.—Questioned in the House of Commons today whether the Whangpoo Conservancy Board had yet been allowed to resume dredging in the approach to Shanghai, Mr. R. A. Butler replied in the negative, adding that negotiations with the Japanese authorities in Shanghai were being actively pursued, and he hoped that an agreement might be reached shortly.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne asked whether, in view of the fact that negotiations had been going on for a long time, and that the Board's work was of international importance for the shipping of all nations, would the Minister consider trying again.

Mr. Butler replied that Viscount Halifax was aware of the value of the Board's work, and added: "I hope to be able to give a more hopeful answer as a result of the negotiations which are now proceeding."—Reuter.

Hankow Blockade

London, May 3.—Commander A. Mursden, asked in the House of Commons today if the Prime Minister could state the result of the enquiries into the complaint that a British company in Shanghai had been refused permission by the Japanese authorities for four of their British employees to go to Hankow, although two American employees of the company had been allowed to proceed.

Mr. R. A. Butler agreed that the facts were as stated, and added that it appears, however, that in a similar case about the same time, discrimination was exercised in favour of a British subject.

Tientsin Blockade

Asked by Mr. Hannah whether the Prime Minister had been able to secure the removal of the barricades around the British concession in Tientsin, and how far he had been able to secure restoration of normal conditions, Mr. Butler replied that the position remained as stated on April 3. All possible steps were being taken to secure the restoration of normal conditions.—Reuter.

British Sergeant Injured

SHANGHAI, May 3.—Sergeant D. Crawford, of the British Municipal Police, was seriously injured and is at present in hospital with an even chance of living, following a crash with a Japanese truck in the Yangtzepeo district today.

Crawford was riding a police motor-cycle when he crashed into the truck, believed to have been driven by Japanese soldiers.—United Press.

LITVINOFF RETIREMENT CREATES SENSATION

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released M. Litvinov, at the latter's request, from his duties.—Reuter.

Bombshell Effect

London, May 3.—The news of the retirement of M. Litvinov had a bombshell effect. The British Foreign Office was taken completely by surprise.

Well informed circles here state that Litvinov's resignation is in no way connected with the British answer to the last Soviet proposals, because although the British answer has been drafted and agreed upon in Wednesday's Cabinet session, it has not yet been submitted to Moscow.

That the decision to let M. Litvinov resign was taken on a sudden impulse in Moscow is evidenced by the fact that even the Soviet Embassy in London was greatly surprised. In fact, when the first secretary of the Soviet Embassy was first asked to confirm the news, he denied the report adding that, if it should be true, M. Potemkin would be Litvinov's successor.

Only after considerable time was the Soviet Embassy able to make a radical change in her foreign policy.—Trans-Ocean.

Sensation In Paris

Paris, May 3.—The news of the resignation of M. Litvinov and the appointment of the Premier, M. Molotov, has caused a sensation here.

Political circles are of the opinion that there are two possible reasons for the resignation. Either the Soviet Government disapproves of the Western policy of the former Foreign Commissar, or else believes that the negotiations with the Western Powers have proceeded too slowly.—Trans-Ocean.

League To Meet On May 15

LONDON, May 3.—Viscount Halifax intends going to Geneva to take part in the meeting of the League Council on May 15, according to the "Evening Standard," which adds that the Foreign Ministers of France, Russia, Poland, and Yugoslavia are among those who are also expected to attend the meeting.

The paper states that the only subject on the agenda for discussion is the Sino-Japanese war, and it is concluded from this that the statement issued in Geneva will have ample leisure for examining the European situation.—Trans-Ocean.

"Reeks Of Collusion" Says C. J. Receiving Order Petition Refused

"THE whole thing reeks of collusion," said the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor in the Bankruptcy Court this morning, when he dismissed a petition for a receiving order brought by Leung Kin-hing against Lo Chau, trading as the Wai Man Battery Manufacturing Co.

Petitioner, who was represented by Mr. G. S. Ford, told the Court that the debtor was indebted to him to the extent of \$1,000. The money was lent in July last year and on March 31 last he received a letter from the debtor saying he was unable to pay the debt. As a result, he took out the petition.

Questioned by the Official Receiver, Mr. L. R. Andrews, petitioner said that by bringing the petition he expected to get back the full amount of the debt, though it was possible he might not get anything at all. As far as he knew, the assets of the debtor consisted of a trade mark worth several thousands of dollars. He did not know debtor's liabilities amounted to \$17,000 or that he wanted to be made bankrupt in order to avoid arrest.

OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S CROSS-EXAMINATION

Official Receiver: Are you aware that if he had presented the petition on his own he would have to undergo a public examination and all his creditors could come and ask him anything they like?—Yes.

He would have also to satisfy the Court that he has been an honest trader?—Yes.

Mr. Andrews then read out a number of writs taken out against the debtor and asked the petitioner: If he could get an old friend like you to file the petition that would relieve him all the trouble of disclosing his assets and liabilities, wouldn't it?—Yes.

Further questioned, the petitioner said that he lent the money to the debtor without any security, and the reason why he did not see him was because he had not actually refused to repay.

Mr. Andrews: The debtor told me you had paid \$300 to your solicitor to take out the petition. Now did he come to know of this?—I don't know.

You know perfectly well that you may not get anything at all out of these proceedings and yet you spent \$300?—I hope to get the money by the sale of the trade mark.

Doesn't it look more likely that you are only bringing this petition for friendship sake and that you actually didn't lend him \$1,000?—I did pay \$300 to Mr. Ford.

Doesn't it look more likely that debtor is trying through you to obtain a receiving order which he could not obtain on his own?—No.

COULD NOT EXPLAIN

Can you explain how the debtor happened to be in your solicitor's office when the petition was about to be served on him?—No.

Leadingly: Can you explain how the note came to be stamped in March, 1938 when the money was not lent until July?—The debtor might have bought the note before he borrowed the money.

You lent him \$1,000 without any security, why did you not take any action during the time when judgment after judgment was being given him?—I have known him for over ten years and he has not definitely refused to repay me.

In answer to further questions, the petitioner said he did not know that the debtor had been financially embarrassed or that he had been in goal on account of that. He denied he had colluded with the debtor in bringing the petition.

Dismissing the petition with costs, His Lordship said that the story told by the petitioner had not struck him as essentially probable and that he had also failed to explain the grave suspicion of collusion.

Haiphong May Be Free Port 40-Year-Old Dream May Be Realised

HANOI, May 4.

IN RESPONSE to repeated petitions by the Chinese, the French Indo-China authorities are considering the possibility of making Haiphong a free port.

Since the end of last year, the Chinese have been continuing the movement to open Haiphong and enliven the transit of goods to China through French Indo-China.

The question was first raised 40 years ago and in April, 1901, the Haiphong Chamber of Commerce submitted a report to the Overseas Trade Council in France stressing the advisability of opening the Indo-China port. On April 24, this year, the Haiphong Chamber of Commerce again agreed on the plan.

It is understood that the Governor of French Indo-China will negotiate with his home Government authorities in response to the suggestions from various circles.—Domel.

\$11,000,000 CRUISER IN COLONY U.S.S. Astoria Here From New York

THE U.S.S. ASTORIA, 10,000 ton American cruiser, arrived in Hongkong this morning from Shanghai, and will remain in the Colony until Monday, May 8.

Shanghai was the last port of call for the cruiser, having arrived there from Boston, to which country she had carried the body of the late Mr. Hiroshi Satto, the Japanese Ambassador to America, who died in Washington on February 23 following a long illness.

This is her first visit to Hongkong. She was completed on June 1, 1934, at a cost of \$11,000,000, has a tonnage of 9,950, and has a length of 588 feet. Her armaments consist of nine eight-inch guns, eight five-inch anti-aircraft guns, two three-pounders and six smaller weapons. There are no torpedoes on board, but she carries four aircraft and two catapults. Her speed is 32 knots.

American warships now in port are the Astoria, Mindanao, Bulmer, Pigeon and S.38.

Roosevelt To Ignore Speech But Will Strengthen Ties With Britain

WASHINGTON, May 3. ACCORDING TO authoritative quarters, President Roosevelt's only reply to Herr Hitler's speech will be a recommendation to Congress for a new Cash-and-Carry Neutrality Law.

In the event of war, the projected measure would make American arms available to Britain and France, who presumably would pay the necessary cash.

The President, it is stated, has decided against a rebuttal statement to Herr Hitler.

A White House secretary, Mr. Stephen Early remarked: "When you get a situation that seems a little better balanced, why tip the scales."—Reuter.

Defence Bill Signed

Washington, May 3. President Roosevelt today signed the \$153,000,000 defence bill. The total will be immediately available in appropriations and contract authorisations for "critical" defence items for the army, sea and coast defences, and fleet expansions. Meanwhile the naval committee of the House of Representatives recommended legislation to authorise the expenditure of \$8,000,000 for the complete modernisation of five battleships.—Reuter.

Support From London

KANSAS CITY, May 3.—Governor Alfred Landon, the Republican candidate who was defeated by President Roosevelt in the 1936 presidential contest, declared his support today for President Roosevelt's peace conference appeal to the dictators.

Stating that he was "crossing party lines" to take sides with President Roosevelt on this matter, Governor Landon added: "The United States is the one great Power which has a chance to offer something other than mere 'choosing up' of sides before going into battle."

He also expressed "fear for America's ability to stay from a prolonged general war on account of emotional, economic, and other pulls, which are already making themselves felt."

Governor Landon was addressing the Methodist Conference when he made these remarks.—Reuter.

France Floats Big Loan

New Stage In Recovery Programme

PARIS, May 3. A NEW defence loan of 6,000,000,000 francs is about to be issued, according to an official statement.

This loan will, in the first instance, serve as a consolidation loan with the object of reviving the short term money market. The price of issue will be 98 per cent, and the rate of interest 5 per cent, redeemable in 40 years.

Premier Daladier had a conference with the Finance Minister, M. Paul Reynaud, and with the Minister of Economics, M. Patenotre, on Wednesday afternoon about the mode of issue.

This loan will represent one further stage in the finance programme of M. Reynaud for covering the supplementary expenditure on military equipment and follows a new turnover of one per cent, which came into force a few days ago.—Trans-Ocean.

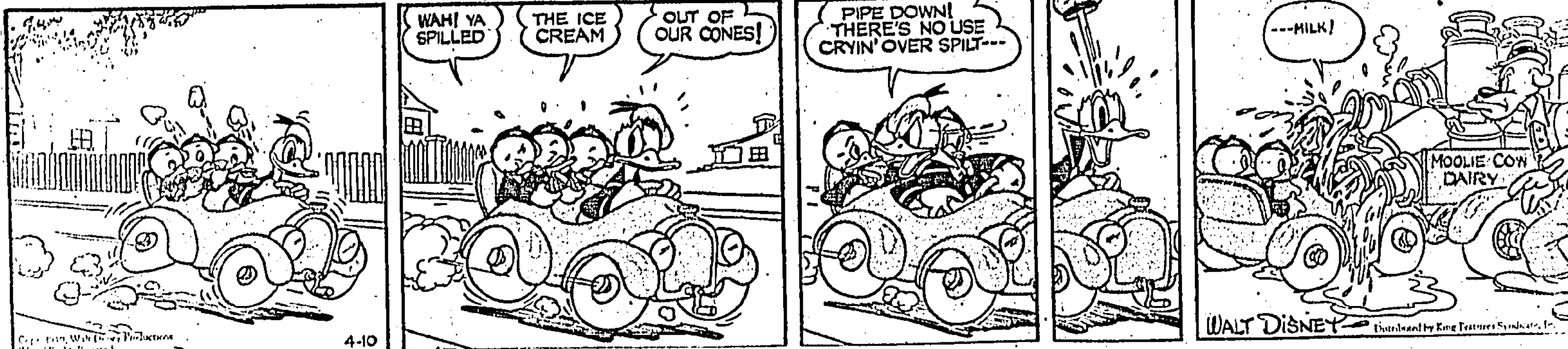
SYDNEY, May 3.—Britain has ordered from Australia over 50,000 tons of galvanised iron for air raid shelters, according to the "Herald."—Reuter Special.



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Loyal Address To The King Parliament And Canadian Tour

LONDON, May 3.
THE HOUSE OF Lords to-day gave unanimous approval of the motion moved by Lord Stanhope that an address be presented to the King on the occasion of his departure to Canada and the United States, conveying assurances of the loyal affection of the House, and the deep interest with which it will follow the progress of Their Majesties during their absence.

Lord Stanhope described the motion as unprecedented in the annals of the House of Lords. He added, that the action, however, was unprecedented because he believed it was the first time a reigning sovereign had visited a self-governing Dominion.

Labour Admiration
Lord Snell, leader of the Labour Opposition, in supporting the motion said that His Majesty sets out upon his journey, full of promise and significance, we wish him to know that he can feel he takes with him the grateful admiration of all his people (cheers).

Lord Samuel, in the absence of Lord Crew, said that throughout his long life there was a deep feeling, not only of friendship, but of affection towards the people of the United States.

Moving a similar address in the House of Commons, the Prime Minister said that their Majesties' journey would give immense pleasure and satisfaction to their subjects in Canada, and would further cement the ties of the Empire.

Common Ties

"The relations between ourselves and the people of the United States have long been of a special character on account of a common language, ideals and traditions, and we may be sure that the visit of Their Majesties will be warmly welcomed in the great republic across the Atlantic."

Mr. Clement Attlee, on behalf of the Labour Party, supported the motion, remarking that in these days anything that could be done, should be done to unite the great democracies of the West to the people of this country and the other peoples of the British Commonwealth.

Mr. Archibald Sinclair said that in opening the New York World Fair, President Roosevelt had said that the American people bled their wagon to the star of goodwill and peace. It was striking proof of the sincerity with which the British public shared those ideals, that at a time when our minds were so gravely preoccupied with dangers nearer at home, Their Majesties should be leaving these shores on a mission of goodwill and understanding to the peoples of the West.

The motion was carried nem con.—*Reuter.*

EVICTED ORDINANCE

Government Considering Extension of Bill

The Eviction Ordinance enacted for a year in June and under which many tenants have successfully sought protection from landlords, is due to expire at the end of this month.

Questioned as to whether the Ordinance would be allowed to lapse or be extended, the Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith stated yesterday that the matter was being considered, but no definite decision had yet been arrived.

A similar reply was given by another senior Government official who added that new legislation would be required if the Ordinance were to be extended. That was on the agenda for the Legislative Council next week, he said.

NEW MARKET OPENED

Fish and Poultry Stalls Opened for Business

Trade commenced in the New Central Market yesterday when the fish and poultry stalls were opened to the public. These stalls are situated on the ground floor, and it was not long after opening before the market resounded to the hum of industry.

Tomorrow, the meat stalls on the first floor will be opened, and on Friday, the vegetable and fruit stalls on the third floor will complete the business occupation of the whole building.

Film Star To Broadcast Genevieve Tobin In ZBW Programme

MISS Genevieve Tobin has accepted the invitation to broadcast from ZBW to-morrow night.

In replying to the invitation, Miss Tobin, in a radio message from the Empress of Japan, stated that she would be only too happy to broadcast.

The broadcast will commence at 8.15 p.m. It will take the form of a colloquy between a ZBW announcer and Miss Tobin and her husband, Mr. William Keighley. The interview will last for 15 minutes.

Heavy Death Roll In Macao

MACAO, May 4.—Three Chinese houses, full of refugees, collapsed to-day.

Twenty-seven occupants were killed and another 30 injured. The recent heavy rains were probably a contributing factor to the accident.—*Reuter.*

Refugees Among Dead

Many refugees were included among the 57 victims (27 killed and 30 injured) of the appalling accident which occurred to-day, when three Chinese houses collapsed.

Funeral services were held for the victims, police, Portuguese, Chinese and the hospital staff worked coolly and with tremendous activity to render succour.

It is believed that the houses, which were old, were possibly weakened by the recent rains which have been heavy.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Japanese Detain Foreign Ship

Ningpo, May 4.

A foreign vessel flying an American flag was stopped by a Japanese warship while on its way from Ningbo to Ningpo last Sunday and forced to sail to Hsianshan harbour. Fifty passengers aboard are detained.—*Central News.*

Insurance Co. Dividends

The General Agents and Consulting Committee of The Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., will, at the forthcoming Meeting of Shareholders to be held on Thursday May 18, recommend the payment of a Final Dividend of \$0 per share, in respect of Working Account for 1937, and the transfer of the balance of \$201,702.43 to Underwriting Suspense Account. They will further recommend that an Interim Dividend of \$5 per share be paid in respect of Working Account for 1938, and that the balance of \$1,024,020.54 be carried forward.

CLAIM FOR PAYMENT Delivery of Motor Goods Not Proved

Judgment for defendants with costs was given by Mr. Justice Lindell in the Summary Court yesterday in the action brought by Miss Weiss against the Ah Cheung Auto Parts Supply Company, claiming \$248.25 for alleged non-payment of goods.

Mr. C. Y. Kwan appeared for plaintiff and Mr. F. H. Loseby for defendant.

The claim was in respect of motor rubber plate goods and rubber goods which defendants were alleged to have taken delivery of from the Kowloon Godowns with the authority of plaintiff.

The defence was that the goods had never been delivered.

QUEEN GERALDINE

King Zag and his sisters, and Queen Geraldine and her baby have arrived here with 70 leading Albanians.—*Reuter.*

HONOUR FOR GENERAL

London, May 3.
The King has invested Major-General Telford Smollett, as Companion of the Order of the Bath.—*Reuter.*

£8,000,000 GOES IN THE WATER

KINGS, statesmen, and military leaders of the world take their eyes from the skies for a moment and look down to the seas.

Hitler munches the Bismarck. Hitler digs deeper the Kiel Canal. Hitler's Press boasts of Nazi Germany taking her place among the great sea Powers.

In London our naval chiefs call at No. 10, Downing-street to talk with the Prime Minister. And more naval news breaks as £8,000,000 worth of steel, skill, thought, and labour slide from the slipway into the dark waters at Birkenhead.

Yesterday the Princess Royal launched the silver-grey hull of the Prince of Wales, second battleship built for the Royal Navy under the new programme.

When it was given out not so long ago in a semi-official German naval handbook that she would mount her guns in groups of four, and other details, there was a hubbub in the House of Commons.

Members wanted to know why the Germans could print "secrets" when information was kept from the people of this country.

As usual, there was not much information coming from the Admiralty, for the gentlemen there, no doubt rightly, are never eloquent. A very silent Service.

WELL, what do we know about this new giant of the seas? The one certain thing you can say about her is that she is of 35,000 tons, and when you have said that you must rely for further information on the speculation of naval experts.

Now as for her guns. Probably she will have ten or twelve 16-in. guns arranged in groups of four. Don't listen to the foolish who want to know why she hasn't got 16-in. guns. Size is not the essence of strength.

She will carry 6-in. guns, too. What excites the naval man is the nature of the new battleship's anti-aircraft weapons, and they are the big secret.

The Prince of Wales is well protected by a recently discovered armour-plating, able to resist, it is argued, the new type of shell which travels a mile after penetrating normal armour-plating.

That's the sort of shell, weighing 1,500lb., the battleship herself will fire.

Hidden away in the mass of steel that makes her are hangars for planes to be catapulted from her decks for directing gunfire.

Then the guess is that the Prince of Wales is designed for trimming down when she is going into action—which means flooding the water ballast tanks to sink the ship deeper for the protection of her sides, and to show a smaller target to the enemy.

Most vital secret of the Prince of Wales will be her speed. You may take it she is likely to be capable of considerably more than the 30 knots officially given out as her maximum.

NOW across the North Sea there is the machine-gun-like tattoo of riveters, the clang of hammers, as two German battleships are being got ready to join the Bismarck.

At Kiel the Germans are doubling the width of the Canal, increasing the height of the bridges, to take the big ships.

The United States prepares to fortify new bases in the Pacific.

So it is throughout the world, digging in the harbours, building in the shipyards. Building, building, building.

The world knows what every country is doing, except Japan. From there come rumours of new fortifications, bigger-than-ever capital ships.

Look there for the big question mark in the world's naval activity.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: The turnover was again on the small side but more enquiries are percolating into the market. Holders are not keen on satisfying demands and prices will improve if the enquiry is maintained.

BANKS
H.K. Banks, £1,390 s.
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Chartered, £, 7½ s.
Mercantile, £, 27 s.
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East Asia, £, 80 n.

INSURANCES
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Unions S., £440 b.
China Underwriter S., £130 n.
H.K. Fire S., £100 n.

SHIPPING
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Raubas S., £85 s.
Yenz, Goldfield S., £3 n.
Hongkong Mines etc., £4 n.
Atokas Pa., £31 sa.

UTILITIES
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Star Ferries S., £22.60 n.
China Lights (old) S., £8.40 s.
China Lights (new) S., £5.45 s.

MACAO ELECTRICS S. (x.d.), £18½ b.
Sandakan Lights S., £12 n.
Telephones (old) S., £2.75 b.
Telephones (new) S., £20/0 n.
Tractions (Pref.) S., £22/- n.

INDUSTRIAL
Cold: Macg. (ord.), Sh. S., £14 n.
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Cements S., £3.60 n.
H.K. Ropes S., £1.00 n.

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Dairy Farms (ex. etc.) S., £20½ b.
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U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, May 3.
New York Cotton
Opening Closing
May 8.46 8.46
July 8.21 8.21
Oct. 7.74 7.74
Dec. 7.57 7.57
Jan. 7.54 7.54
Mar. 7.45 7.45
Spot 9.24 N

New York Rubber
May 15.00b/35a
July 15.95b/10.00a
Sept. 15.97 16.10
Dec. 15.97 16.10
Mar. 15.95b/10.00a
To-day's Sales: 1,750 tons.

Chicago Wheat
May 74½/74½
July 72½/72½
Sept. 73 73
Tuesday's Sales: 20,283,000 bushels

Chicago Corn
May 48½/48½
July 50½/50½
Sept. 51½/51½
May 64½/64½
July 65½/65½
Oct. 66½/66½

Winnipeg Wheat
May 65½/65½
July 66½/66½
Oct. 67½/67½

Winnipeg Corn
May 48½/48½
July 50½/50½
Sept. 51½/51½

Winnipeg Soybeans
May 18.70 n.
July 18.70 n.
Sept. 18.70 n.

Winnipeg Textiles
May 30 n.
July 30 n.
Sept. 30 n.

Winnipeg MISC.
H.K. Entertainment S., 6½ b.
Constructions S., 1¼ b.
Vibro Piling S., 7¼ sa.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1025
G. Bonds .03¼% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 1¼% prm. b.
H.K. Govt. Loan 1¼% prm. b.
Meymans (Lon.) S., 14½/14½ n.
Meymans (H.K.) S., 4/- b.

ON PIRACY CHARGES

Gang of Men Appears In Kowloon Court

An alleged gang of pirates, arrested by the Police on Tuesday, was charged before Mr. Hingworth at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday. The men were So Man, 26, Lam Sum, 24, Tsui Tin, 24, Wong Shu-ki, 23, Wong Tam-ki, 23, Leung Wan, 24, and Ng On, 20, all fishermen. They are alleged to have robbed Chung Foon, 33, of 64 piculs of firewood, two pieces of clothing, and the boat off Steep Island on May 1.

On the application of the Police, all the men were remanded for three days to the District Office South, where the case will be heard.

Wing On (H.K.) S., £42 n.
Powell, Ltd. S., £1 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh. S., £18.70 n.
Shal Cotton Sh. S., £111 n.
Zong Singa, Sh. S., £30 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. S., £40 n.

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I.L.K.T.
12.0-12.20 Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Vivian Ellis at the Piano.
"On Your Toes" Piano Medley (Hart and Rodgers); "On The Avenue" Piano Medley (Berlin).

12.45 Debroy Somers Band.
Memories of Horatio Nicholls... conducted by Horatio Nicholls with Vocal Chorus.

Running Riot—Selection.
1.0 Time and Weather.
1.03 Lillian Harvey (Vocal) and the Orchestra Mascotte.

Under The Rainbow—Waltz (Waldteufel); North Sea Waves—Waltz (Krautwig)...Orchestra Mascotte; To-day I Am Happy—Waltz Song (from "Black Roses"); Fantasy From Film "Black Roses" (Keller-Anacker) with Lillian Harvey (Soprano) and the Orchestra.

Waltz (Jos. Strauss-arr. Hohné); Marienklänge—Waltz (Jos. Strauss-arr. Hohné)...Orchestra Mascotte; Dancing Into Heaven With You (Schroder—Beckmann); Chinaman (Schroder—Beckmann); Lillian Harvey (Soprano) with the Orchestra.

Barbarian Waltz Medley (Richartz)...Orchestra Mascotte.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Compositions of Offenbach including his Gaité Parisienne-Ballet Music.

Orpheus In The Underworld—Overture by Lucerne Kursoral Orchestra; Gaité Parisienne—Ballet Music...London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Erem Kurtz; "La Belle Helene"—Selection...Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.
2.30 Studio—Children's Hour.

7.00 Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 A Light Irish Programme with Danny Malone (Tenor).

Irish Rhinoceros (Herbert)...New Light Symphony Orchestra; The Irish Emigrant (Barker)...Danny Malone (Tenor) with the Orchestra; Medley Of Jigs; Medley Of Hornpipes...Sean Nolan (Violin) with Piano; My Old Irish Mother (Dean); Danny Boy (Wentworth)...Danny Malone (Tenor) singing a Duet with himself. With the Orchestra; The Irish Organist—Medley (arr. T. Casey); Terence Casey (Organ).

7.35 De Groot and His Orchestra with Essie Ackland (Contralto).
Ernest Walker—Polpourri (Hobrecht)...De Groot and His Orchestra; Just For To-day (Seaver) Sanctuary (Hewitt)...Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Organ accompaniment by Herbert Dawson; In The Night (Tate); Under The Roofs Of Paris (Moretti)...De Groot and His Orchestra; Serenata (Bruga); O Peaceful England (Marrie England)—German...Essie Ackland (Contralto) with the Orchestra.

8.00 Studio—Recital by Ruth Andersen (Violin) and Paul Leo (Piano).
1. Mother of Pearl—Selection; 2. Retournelle (Chaminade); Rave d'un Soir (Chaminade); 3. Piano and Violin; 4. Meditation (Thal) (Marschner); 5. Old Refrain (Kreiser)...Violin Solo; 4. You're as Pretty as a Picture; Penny Serenade...Piano and Violin.

8.35 Sydney Gustard at the Organ.
Funeral March Of A Marionette (Gounod); Medley Of Old Time Songs; 1. English; 2. Scottish.

8.45 Studio—"Melody Bee" No. 2: The Navy v. The Army.
9.15 London Relay—The News.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs" by J. L. Brerly, o.n.e., Chichele Professor of International Law in the University of Oxford.

9.45 London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.
9.50 Arseny—Trilo In D Minor, Op. 32.

Elleen Joyce (Piano), Henri Temirkan (Violin) and Antoni Sala (Cello).
10.17 A Russian Orchestra and Vocal Programme.

May Night—Overture (Rimsky-Korsakov)...London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates; Song of the Needy Pilgrim (Nekrasov)...Theodore Chailly (Bass) with Alonsy Choir and Balalaika Orchestra; Le Prince Igor—March (Borodin)...Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra; Sadko—Chanson Hindoue (Rimsky-Korsakov); Marcel Mule (Saxophone) with Piano; In The Town Of Kasan—Varianam's Song (Boris Godounov)—Moussorsky; Song Of Prince Gallitsky ("Prince Igor"—Borodin)...Theodore Chailly (Bass) with the Orchestra; Dance Of The Tambura (The Snow Maiden—Rimsky-Korsakov); Storm Music (Ivan The Terrible—Rimsky-Korsakov)...London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates; None But The Weary Heart (Tchaikovsky)...Maria Olezewska (Contralto) with Piano, Violin and Cello accompaniment.

The Epil of Serge Jaroff's Don Cossack Choir. We Sing To You (Katsalsky); Two Russian Folk Songs (arr. Jaroff); (a) Old Pachel; (b) The Three Sons...Don Cossack Choir conducted by Serge Jaroff. Unaccompanied.

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9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs" by J. L. Brerly, o.n.e., Chichele Professor of International Law in the University of Oxford.


9.45 London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.
9.50 Arseny—Trilo In D Minor, Op. 32.

Elleen Joyce (Piano), Henri Temirkan (Violin) and Antoni Sala (Cello).
10.17 A Russian Orchestra and Vocal Programme.

May Night—Overture (Rimsky-Korsakov)...London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates; Song of the Needy Pilgrim (Nekrasov)...Theodore Chailly (Bass) with Alonsy Choir and Balalaika Orchestra; Le Prince Igor—March (Borodin)...Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra; Sadko—Chanson Hindoue (Rimsky-Korsakov); Marcel Mule (Saxophone) with Piano; In The Town Of Kasan—Varianam's Song (Boris Godounov)—Moussorsky; Song Of Prince Gallitsky ("Prince Igor"—Borodin)...Theodore Chailly (Bass) with the Orchestra; Dance Of The Tambura (The Snow Maiden—Rimsky-Korsakov); Storm Music (Ivan The Terrible—Rimsky-Korsakov)...London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates; None But The Weary Heart (Tchaikovsky)...Maria Olezewska (Contralto) with Piano, Violin and Cello accompaniment.

The Epil of Serge Jaroff's Don Cossack Choir. We Sing To You (Katsalsky); Two Russian Folk Songs (arr. Jaroff); (a) Old Pachel; (b) The Three Sons...Don Cossack Choir conducted by Serge Jaroff. Unaccompanied.

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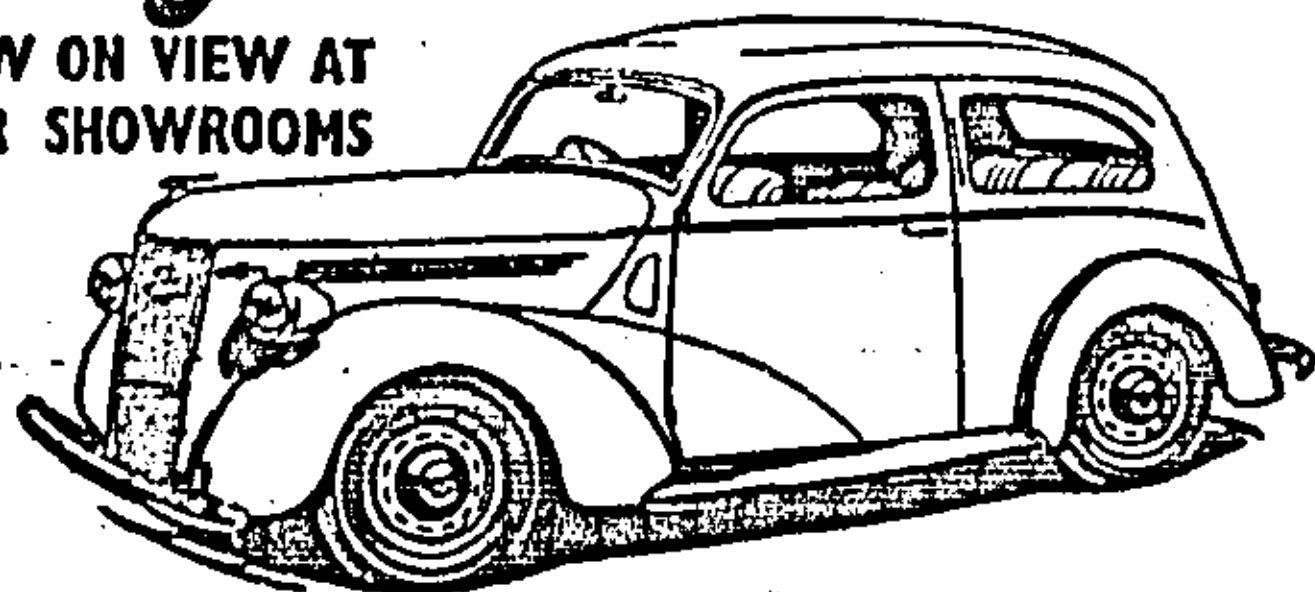
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The Fifth Column

IN ALL the welter of crises and hell-firing threats in Europe one of the most cheering signs of the times is the increasing evidence of dissatisfaction inside Germany and Italy with the aggressive policies pursued by their Governments. To those who feel inclined to drink hemlock after reading of recent events we would draw attention to the testimony of a copy of the "Times" just to hand via Siberia that there is much uneasiness in Italy, and of the "Manchester Guardian" that there is growing unrest in Germany.

Many people fall into the error of thinking of the German or the Italian people as Robots, identified closely with their Governments and following blindly every command of their leaders. While it is true that in these dictatorships thought and action are regimented as never before in human history, there is abundant evidence that under these iron controls the spirit of protest is increasingly active.

The "Times" correspondent in Rome comments: "Even Fascists are asking when the country is going to be allowed a little peace and quiet. That famous fire-breather, Signor Farinacci, issues a trumpet call to these weak brethren—the whiners in the party. 'Our young men,' he says, 'wish to live in a state of spiritual mobilisation from the first to the last day of the year, with but a single hope, that of being called on to fight.' The very vehemence of this rhetoric leads one to suspect the extent of the revolt against the doctrine of eternal agitation."

The "Manchester Guardian," in a long article, bears testimony to the every-growing malaise in Germany, with the spirit of moral resistance to the regime stronger than it has ever been before.

If, therefore, we attempt to forecast Europe's future from the character of its most powerful Governments, then the horoscope would be gloomy indeed. But we can avoid accepting this fatalistic conclusion that war is inevitable if we remember the ever-widening gulfs between the dictators and their peoples.

Great nations and great peoples cannot be cowed forever by the knout and the blackjack. The time spirit and the innate decency of human nature are in league against the dictators. The greatest common denominator of the European peoples to-day is an immense yearning for peace.

We do not subscribe to the belief that war in Europe is inevitable. We believe that the will of the German and Italian people is not represented by the lust for conquest that had gripped their leaders and that, if war does come, the German and Italian military machines will have as many powerful enemies behind their lines as they will in front.

Dictators Rule The FREE CITY



GREISER
Goering's Uniforms his ambition

WHILST some large States must be (poor things) satisfied with one dictator, the Free City of Danzig has two. One is Arthur Greiser, the second, Albert

Both have one great love for Hitler, and one great hatred for each other. Greiser hates Foerster like poison. Foerster's happiest day—Danzigers say—will be when he can throw an inkstand at Greiser's "empty head," as he often does at the heads of his subordinates.

Neither of the two has anything really in common with Danzig. They are both strangers in the Free City.

Tall, fat and robust Greiser was born in Western Poland. Long-headed, quick-eyed and studious looking Foerster was born in Furth, near Nuremberg.

Greiser is 44—ten years older than Foerster. But although older in years, he is Foerster's junior in the Nazi party. Hence Foerster's stronger position in Danzig.

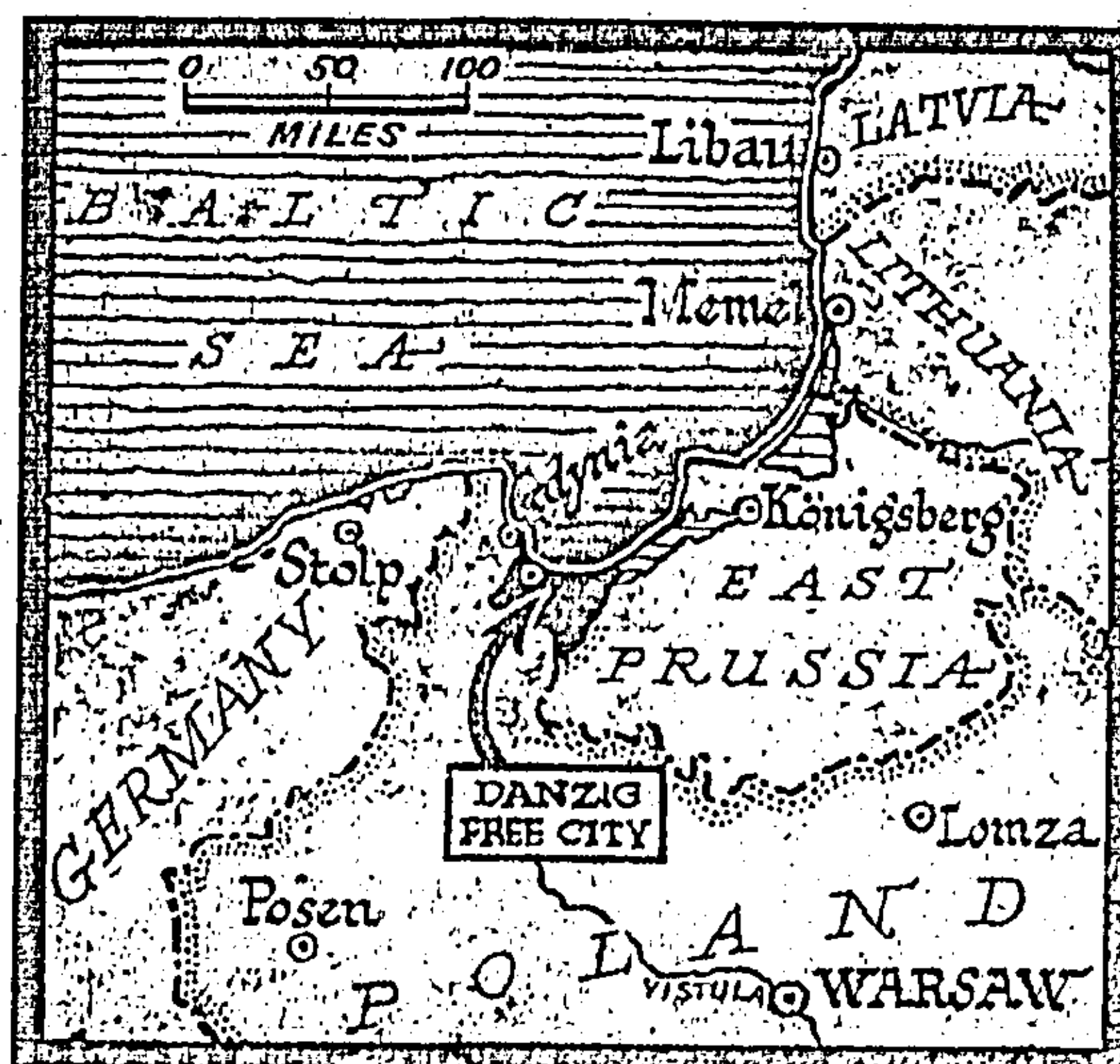
Foerster was preaching Hitler's gospel when Greiser was still a mason and the representative of a Jewish business house.

In Danzig Greiser arrived with a medal he won during the war and a good record as a pilot. Foerster came as a petty official with torn trousers and a hungry stomach. To-day Greiser can afford to spend lavishly, and Foerster is the owner of many beautiful villas in and around Danzig and one in Wiesbaden, the place where Roehm was murdered. Both have a great thirst for money, Greiser—to spend—Foerster—to save and hoard.

Greiser made himself popular through his numerous love affairs, his numerous rendezvous on the local cemetery, and his shooting parties. Foerster became famous when he was thrown out from his post for a violent attack on President Hindenburg when the Marshal was first elected as German President.

Both came to power through loyalty to Hitler. Greiser became President of the Senate when Dr. Raushning showed some deviation from Hitler's anti-Jewish teachings.

As a former employee of Jewish firms Greiser somehow proved to be the better pupil as far as Jewish hatred was concerned. Foerster's nomination as "Gauleiter" in Danzig was the result of a good word from Hitler's sister and the recom-



mendation of Dr. Julius Streicher, the notorious Jew-hater.

To-day both rule Danzig undivided. Foerster is the head of the ruling party, Greiser the head of the State. Both have to act as Berlin bids them.

The rivalry between the two is common talk in Danzig. Greiser, who somewhat resembles Goering, and is his faithful pupil, tries to dress and act like Goering.

He has a love for uniforms and medals. It is known in Danzig that Greiser, lacking sufficient of his own medals to cover his whole chest, has tried sometimes to wear the Iron Cross his father won in the Franco-German war of 1870.

He loves to be called "Captain" rather than the President, and is never happier than when in gala uniform.

Foerster, on the other hand, likes to imitate Hitler. He talks like Hitler, walks and behaves like him.

Greiser is called the "miniature Goering of the Miniature Danzig State." Foerster, the "miniature Hitler." Greiser likes shooting. Foerster prefers home life. He has married the daughter of a Danzig builder and his father-in-law is said to have made a fortune from building contracts for the Danzig State. Cynics say that both Greiser and Foerster made a



FOERSTER
Tales out of School to Hitler

ter never liked Lester. First because he is the representative of the League and reminded him too often of the "obnoxious Versailles Treaty." Secondly because—like Treitschke—he dislikes the English, and Irish are English to Foerster, who has never been on good terms with his history books.

But Greiser, who in his presidential capacity had to "mix with people," cherished some sympathies for Lester. Greiser did not want so sudden a quarrel and advised "tact" and "slow action."

Foerster's attack on Lester found no favour in Greiser's eyes, and even some of Greiser's immediate followers condemned the attack "as untimely and harmful."

But Foerster went to Hitler and won again. Greiser was summoned to Berlin and told to go and "stand up" to the League. Foerster was triumphant whilst Greiser's star went somewhat dimmed.

Had he gone himself without Hitler's express command or had he shown inclination to go, his position would be better than it is.

Now Danzig may soon have only one dictator.

**A Look Through
The "Telegraph"**

50 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1889.

An unsuccessful attempt at lighting the streets of Leamington by incandescent lamps has recently been made and gas-men claim a triumph of gas-lighting over electricity.

25 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1914.

In the course of work in connection with the enlargement of Hendon Church, a vault was discovered containing the coffin in which are the remains of Sir Stamford Raffles, the position of whose grave at Hendon was hitherto unknown.

Sir Stamford Raffles was the son of a sea captain in the West India trade and was born at sea off the coast of Jamaica in 1781. He made great advancement and had much to do with securing Java and Singapore for Britain, being first Lieut. General of the former territory, which was later given up to the Dutch. Singapore was his "political child," and he was responsible for the laying out of the city and establishing its institution as a free port. He died of apoplexy at his house near London in 1826.

10 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1929.

The Duke of Gloucester was pleased to receive a pair of Sir William Crookes' "fun glasses" from Messrs. Lammie, the Opticians, whilst he was in the Colony.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I'll have to think it over about marrying you, Phineas—a man over 70 isn't so easy to mould, you know!"

THE NEW CHINA IS ACCLAIMED

Moving Banquet Eulogies

LONDON, May 3.
THE annual banquet of the Chinese Society was held in Claridges to-night, over 200 guests being present, including Lord and Lady Chatfield, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Morrison, Lord Gort, Lord Cecil, Lord Davis, Lord Snell, Lord Strabolgi, M. Malsky, the Soviet Ambassador, Sir John Wardlaw-Milne, Sir Hugh Cunliffe-Owens, Sir Arthur and Lady Street, Hon. Mr. H. A. L. Fisher, Mr. W. G. S. Adams, Major-General Telfer Smollett, Mr. R. G. Howes, Mr. Laurence Binyon, Mr. Adrian Moring, M.P., the Hon. Mr. W. W. Astor, M.P., and 50 Chinese guests, including Mr. Cheng Paiting of the Hague Permanent Court, who is now in London participating in the anniversary celebrations of the London University.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador to London, presided, and in his toast to the guests said that in this spring we should surely lift up our hearts in celebration with China's encouraging progress in the field and behind the front.

The people were firmly united, and the existing cordial Anglo-Chinese relations had been further strengthened by recent acts of co-operation, helpful to both countries. He was sure all present would wish to welcome Mr. Malsky, who was representing a country which had not only shown China great neighbourliness during the present grave events, but was the arch uniting Europe and Asia, which must more and more make Asia Europe-minded, and Europe Asia-minded.

GLOWING TRIBUTE
Mr. Quo Tai-chi paid a glowing tribute to the British manifestations of practical sympathy for China—the British note of January 14 defining the British stand on the Nine-Power Treaty constituting an important step in the rebuilding of international political morality, the Chinese currency stabilisation fund, the assistance by export credits, the British fund for the relief of Chinese distress, assistance in books and apparatus by British universities in building up new universities in Western China, and in the many other agencies working for the help of China.

"I have been amazed and touched to the quick by the depth of sympathy and generosity throughout the length and breadth of this whole island," added the Ambassador. Welcoming Lord Chatfield, Mr. Quo Tai-chi said: "Even as Lord Chatfield is at work co-ordinating Great Britain's national defence in all its branches, so China is at work providing a positive and possible focus for co-ordinating all the elements in general international defence."

"China's dual programme of national reconstruction and resistance to aggression is already producing encouraging results, and her contribution as a deterrent to wider aggression and worse world deterioration, is now growing to a full recognition by the West. China shares fully with her leader, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the conviction that China never lacks company and will ever find neighbourly support."

LORD CHATFIELD'S SPEECH
Lord Chatfield, replying for the guests, dwelt upon the reasons for Anglo-Chinese mutual attraction, and recalled the traditional saying that a Chinaman's word was as good as his bond, adding "it still is."

"The British also make it a matter of pride to keep their word and to honour bonds. We have been giving rather big ones lately, but the events and decisions of the last few days show that they can be taken at face value."

"While we never forget our indebtedness to you for giving us our national drink, now you give us our bobby hero and new star, the Giant Panda."

"Perhaps the quality we admire most, and which we should do well to profit by is Chinese respect for the old and wise things gained by experience and living, rather than spectacular things so easily come by and so ephemeral."

"I could wish to-night that I could think only of the peaceful country scenes depicted in your art, rather than the horror of war, and the useless and irreparable destruction going on in your country."

ON BRINK OF ABYSS
"So we are standing on the brink of a similar abyss, knowing like you the madness of war, yet believing that you, that we must be prepared to die when individuality and ideals are threatened."

"We feel, as you must indeed know, deepest sympathy for you at this time of trial, and we have the greatest admiration for the way you reluctantly laid aside the pen, and girt on the sword."

"But we believe that just as a man who has wrestled with trials will be

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CULTIVATING BRITAIN, PLAN

Govt. To Assist Farmers

LONDON, May 3.
SIR Reginald Dorman-Smith, the Minister of Agriculture, made an important statement in the House of Commons to-day on plans for increasing the fertility of the land.

He said that the Government desired farmers to make a special effort this summer to improve the poorer grasslands.

Parliament would be asked to authorise payment of contributions of £2 per acre in respect of permanent grass ploughed up between now and September 30, and brought into a state of cleanliness and fertility.

The Government hoped that at least 250,000 acres would be so improved.

Major Dorman-Smith also stated that a reserve of fertilisers had been secured and plans made to organise and control supply and distribution of feeding stuffs, tractors and other machinery, fuel, implements, seeds, and other farm requisites for the industry's war time requirements.

Labour was also being carefully considered. In addition to the safeguards provided under the scheme for reserved occupations, steps were being taken to enrol persons willing to undertake work on the land in time of war, and plans were being made for intensive war time agricultural training.

The Government do not consider it necessary or desirable that a plan for production on a scale or of a character that would be required in time of war should be put into operation in advance of the outbreak of war. They consider that the best preparation for emergency is to bring the land into a state of greater fertility which would enable it to respond more fully to the increased demands which would be made upon it in the event of an outbreak of war.

ENCOURAGING FARMERS
The objective would be to encourage farmers to carry out work which in any case is desirable in order to convert poor and worn out grassland into more productive pasture, and would, if need arises during the autumn or spring, enable the land to be readily used as arable land for raising such crops as might be required to supplement the supplies of food or feeding stuffs.

The Government would urge farmers, in consultation with necessary landowners concerned, to make arrangements to plough up during the summer—interior—permanent grassland that would benefit by re-seeding and could, if necessary be put in condition to produce suitable crops. Notice of intention to plough up must be given to the Agricultural Departments in England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland in order that the land concerned may be inspected at the discretion of the departments either before or after ploughing.

Applicants will be required to satisfy the departments that the land had been down to grass for not less than seven years. No payment will be made in respect of areas of less than two acres, and fractions of less than half acre will be disregarded. Further details and particulars of the form in which notice of intention to plough up should be given will be issued at an early date.

CONFIDENT OF SUPPORT
The necessary legislation will be introduced as soon as possible, and it is contemplated that payment of Government contributions would be made in the autumn subject to the departments being satisfied that work has been duly carried out, and that any necessary safeguard or conditions have been observed.

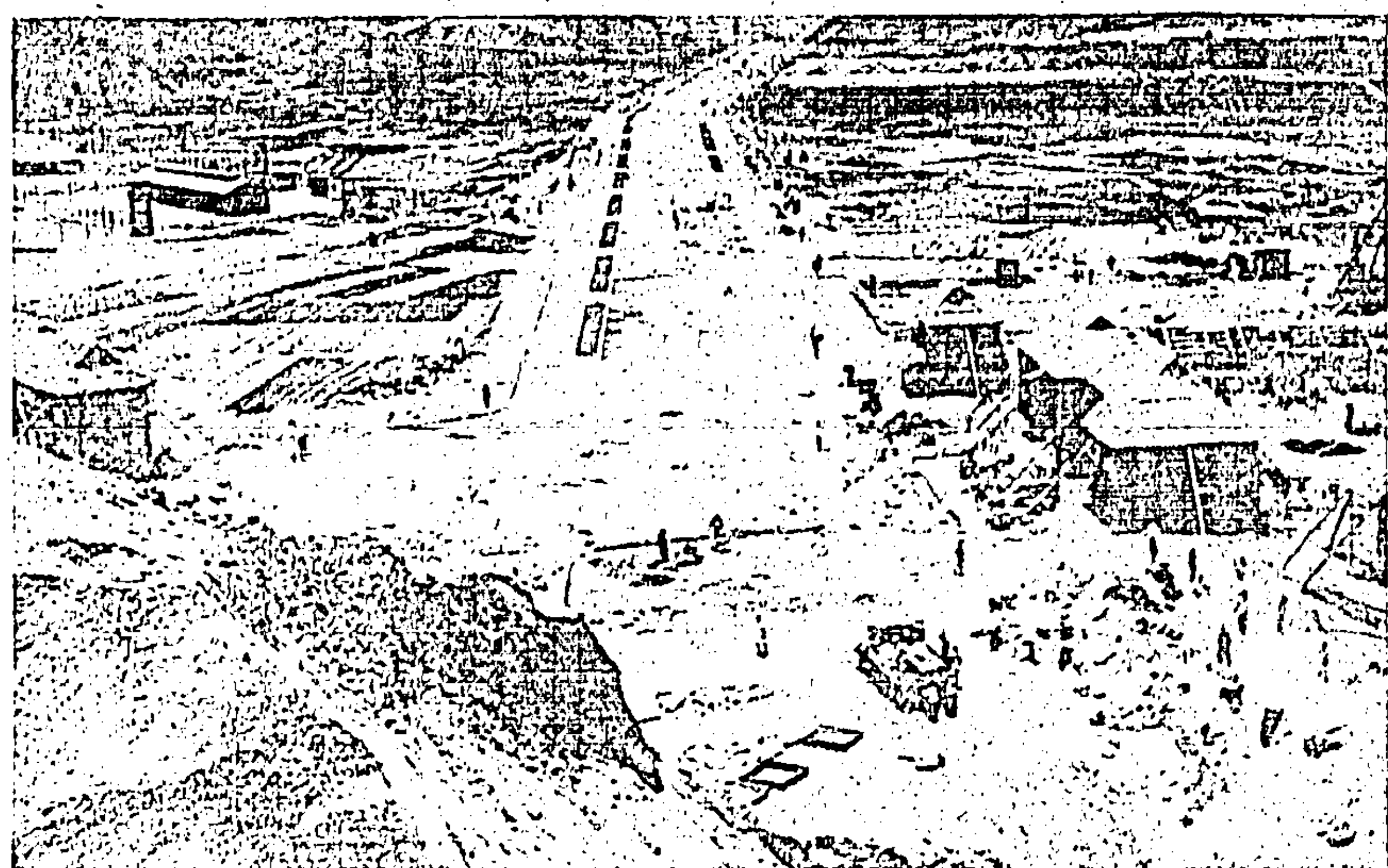
Government are confident they will have the fullest support and co-operation of the agricultural community in this effort to improve the productive capacity of our soil.—*Reuter Special and British Wireless.*

More Credits For Germany
Berlin, May 3.
Negotiations for a new standstill agreement began in Berlin to-day for the purpose of drawing up a new agreement to replace the so-called German Credit Agreement of 1936, which expires on May 31 this year.

In economic circles here it is learned that German debtors are expected to make certain proposals to the representatives of British, American, French, Belgian, Swiss, and Dutch creditors for the conclusion of a new agreement.

The total amount of credits falling within the scope of the standstill agreement is estimated at about 750,000 marks, of which 500,000 marks are still being utilised.—*Trans-Ocean.*

THE HAGUE, May 3.—The municipal council has decided to purchase three anti-aircraft batteries for the defence of The Hague in the event of war.—*Trans-Ocean.*



KOWLOON'S new \$50,000 highway which will provide a new artery between Nathan Road and Kowloon City when completed. Photograph taken from Kowloon City end of Argyle Street. The hill in the foreground is to be removed to allow Argyle Street to go through.—*Staff Photographer.*

DRAMATIC CHINESE GAINS

Japanese Hurdled Back In Hupeh

KWANGTEH, May 4.
CHINESE forces in Kiangsu scored a dramatic success yesterday morning when they regained Lihing, on the west bank of the Taihu Lake, and Lihui, at the mouth of the Chin Hwai River, about 35 miles southeast of Nanking, in a surprise offensive.

Supported by tanks, Chinese infantry units smashed into the towns in the early hours of the morning. The Japanese were surprised by their sudden appearance. After several hours' street fighting, they were driven out of the towns.

A large quantity of arms and ammunition was abandoned by the Japanese upon their retreat.—*Central News.*

JAPANESE FRUSTRATED

Ichang, Hupeh, May 4.
The Japanese troops engaged in the new offensive in central Hupeh have been hurled back by the Chinese.

Chinese units crossed the Han River early yesterday morning and counter-attacked the Japanese massed on the Hankow-Ichang highway. Topawan, Lohansu and Szekang-shi, three important points on the highway, were soon recaptured.

The Japanese who fell back were hotly pursued by three Chinese columns, which are reported to have reached Yangchiachang, Yuhshih and Sanhochang, all lying to the west of Tiennan.

The Japanese driving northward from Chungsiang have also been checked.

An increasing number of Chinese troops are crossing over to the east bank of the Han River to assist in the counter-drive against the Japanese.

Macheng, important city in north-east Hupeh near the Honan border, about 87 miles northeast of Hankow, and Chungkwany, a town to the southwest, have both been recovered by a Chinese unit, which is now pressing on Sungtow, 65 miles north-east of Hankow.—*Central News.*

the stronger for having overcome them, so China must come through the struggle with a new experience and a new courage."

Lord Chatfield said he hoped the time was not too far distant when fratricidal strife between nations in the Far East would cease, and China in the full exercise of her national sovereignty would be able to resume normal and friendly relations with her island neighbours on a basis of equality.

"Finally, I must refer to the fact that China, who is not warlike, has thrown up in her hour of need a great leader of first-rate military ability, who combines the finest qualities of the countryman, the statesman, the respect of the world, and who, moreover, possesses qualities which will enable him to command the love of the whole people when the hour of post-war reconstruction comes."

"His qualities of selflessness and eloquence, as shown in his address to the future greatness of his country, must rise from the traditions of the past and from the very soil of China."

"We can see China like a great oak tree with its roots deep in the centuries. The cruel winter may wither the leaves and gnaw the branches, but new life will for ever rise from those ancient roots, new buds will break and flower, fertilised, perhaps, by Western ideas, but rising firmly and irresistibly from the native earth."—*Reuter.*

Rumania's War Debts Proposal

WASHINGTON, May 3.
THE Rumanian Minister here to-day delivered to Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, a formal proposal for the settlement of Rumania's \$64,000,000 war debt.

Details of the proposal have not been revealed. Some quarters here are speculating on the possibility of Britain and France following suit, because the Johnson Act will prevent them from obtaining credits from the United States in the event of another war.—*United Press.*

HOLLAND TIGHTENS UP LAWS

Heavy Penalties For Seditious

LE HAGUE, May 3.
A BILL for the preservation of public order was tabled by the Netherlands Government in the second Chamber to-day, and provides new penalties, not exceeding four years imprisonment, for persons convicted of willfully spreading false accusations against the Government, or for defaming public institutions by word, writing or picture.

Similar penalties are enacted against persons guilty of defaming or publicly insulting any group within the nation, whilst papers or periodicals containing matter of a defamatory or insulting nature as defined by the bill, may be suppressed for a period not exceeding six months.

The second bill introduced by the Government provides for an increase in penalties for high treason, and defines more rigorously the crimes included in this category. The penalty of imprisonment not exceeding five years will be imposed by any person found guilty of carrying on "propaganda for partial or complete subjection of the Netherlands to the domination of a foreign power."

Political circles opine that the bills are mainly directed against the National Socialist movement led by Mussolini which has violently attacked the existing democratic Parliamentary regime in its press, as well as in public meetings.

The measure specially directed against defamation of any group within the nation is according to the same circles, destined to repress growing anti-semitic agitation. It is considered certain that both bills will be passed by Parliament.—*Trans-Ocean.*

500 Tons Of Food For Starving Spain

LONDON, May 3.
Sir Maurice Peterson, British Ambassador to Spain recently visited Bilbao to superintend the handling over of 500 tons of provisions and foodstuffs, constituting a gift from the British Government to the Spanish Government.

The consignment arrived in a convoy of lorries towards the end of last month, and is to be distributed to the hungry population of Madrid. Further consignments will be sent so long as the need continues to exist. The Spanish authorities in Bilbao have been most helpful in assisting the British convoy, which is headed by Colonel Martin, honorary attaché to the British Embassy in Spain.—*British Wireless.*

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Canada arrived at Vancouver yesterday.

Revolutionary China's Anniversary

TO-MORROW will be a Chinese national holiday in celebration of the establishment of the "Revolutionary Government."

On May 5 eighteen years ago the father of revolutionary China, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, was elected President of the Republic of China at an emergency meeting in Canton at which the Military Government in Peking under General Hsu Shih-chang was denounced.

The establishment of the "Revolutionary Government" paved the way for the successful Nationalist revolutionary expedition in the following years which swept from Canton to the capitals of Manchuria.

China will not take a holiday to-morrow owing to her national crisis. However mass meetings in celebration of the occasion will be held throughout the country, not under Japanese occupation, and also among the Chinese communities in Hongkong.

Hongkong's Road Toll

Twenty-three pedestrians were injured when walking or running across roads in the Colony during the week ended April 29, according to the latest traffic returns.

During the week under review there were 81 traffic accidents, one person being killed and 35 being injured.

Six lorry passengers were injured in falling from moving lorries. Of the total accidents, 29 were collisions between vehicles and 38 accidents were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians. Private motor cars (38) and motor lorries (25) were the types of vehicles most involved in accidents.

Admiral Sir Percy Noble, Commander in Chief of the China Station, arrived in Swatow this morning on board H.M.S. Falmouth, and will be back in Hongkong to-morrow.

UGANDA TO HAVE A TERRITORIAL FORCE

KAMPALA, May 3.
THE GOVERNOR of Uganda has authorized the formation of a territorial battalion, consisting of two companies, membership for which will involve no distinction in nationality, race, or creed. The legislation provides for four years service, with annual camps, and instruction throughout the year on the lines of the British territorials.—*Reuter's Special.*

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Cheerful Stock Exchange

London, May 3.
Stock Exchange prices again cheerfully advanced under the lead of glittering securities which, stimulated by easier money conditions, consolidated yesterday's gains.

Prices were higher in most of the market with business showing signs of expansion.

Home rails responded to satisfactory weekly traffic returns. Wall Street was quiet, then more active.—*Reuter Special.*

Ministry Of Munitions

PARIS, May 3.—A persistent rumour that Premier Daladier is about to set up a Ministry of Munitions for accelerating production of armaments and for co-ordinating the requirements of the three major services, is finding credence in political circles.

It is not definitely known who is to be chosen for this new post, but the "Paris Soir" names M. Raoul Dautrey, prominent railway expert as the most likely candidate.—*Trans-Ocean.*

BERLIN, May 3.—It is learned on competent authority that the German Ambassadors to London and Paris are returning to the posts in the immediate future, possibly on May 4.—*Reuter.*

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FURTHER CHINESE SUCCESS

Kho And Choy Win At Bournemouth

London, May 3. Further successes were scored by Kho Sin-ide (holder) and W. C. Choy, the Chinese Davis Cup players, in the Bournemouth hardcourt tennis championships to-day.

In the quarter-finals of the tournament, Kho eliminated Ronald Shyne in four sets, after dropping the first, the scores being 5-7, 6-4, 6-1, 6-0.

In the same round, Choy defeated Laurence Shaff by 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Both Shyne and Shaff are members of the British Davis Cup team this year.—*Reuter*.

OTHER RESULTS

London, May 3. In the other quarter-final matches, Donald McPhail, of Great Britain, beat C. E. Goddell, also of Great Britain. Goddell retired in the third set after McPhail had won the first two by 6-3, 6-1.

Charles Hare, of Great Britain, beat John Olliff, of Great Britain, by 6-0, 6-3, 6-1.

In the semi-finals, Kho Sin-ide will meet McPhail and Choy will play Hare.—*Reuter*.

W. Sander, Miss Tylor Win In Straight Sets

(By "Abe")

The standard of tennis seen in the final of the Hongkong Cricket Club mixed doubles championship yesterday was surprisingly high, and those who turned up to see it must have been pleased with the performances of both pairs.

W. Sander and Miss Ann Tylor (-18) managed to beat H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Andrews (-15.3) in straight sets, but even they themselves will probably agree that the difference in the scores was due more to the slight handicap which they received rather than any appreciable superiority in their play.

The game would have been considerably closer, I think, if Armstrong had not made so many mistakes at vital stages of each set. He was steady enough at most times, his heavy top-spins making his shots very difficult to return on many occasions, but he was not always able to minimise his errors when points became really important.

LADIES PLAYED WELL

Sander too was not always reliable. Although his forehead drives won many points, his work at the net did not impress, and it was left to the two ladies to carry off the chief honours of the day.

Mrs. Andrews served well and brought off some very fine shots on the backhand, but on the other side of the court Miss Tylor was playing equally well. If a count was kept, it would probably be found that Miss Tylor made the least number of mistakes of the four; in fact she played remarkably steadily throughout, her ground shots being particularly good.

The splendid play of the ladies made game always interesting, with little to choose between the two pairs. But the slight handicap which Armstrong and Mrs. Andrews had to concede proved the deciding factor. The match was featured by some fine rallies.

Service was held in the first set until 4-4 was called, and then Sander and Miss Tylor broke through Armstrong's service to win out in the tenth game. The second set went in sequence, but Mrs. Andrews won the first Sander and Miss Tylor won the first two, were pulled back to 2-2, led again to 4-4, and then they took the next two games for the set and match.

The final scores were 6-4, 6-4 in favour of Sander and Miss Tylor.

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES

In the other Club final played, E. E. Storey and J. J. Ferguson (-5/0) defeated R. K. Valentine and L.M.S. Lloyd (ser) by 6-1, 4-0 and 6-3 to win the Men's Handicap Doubles.

HANDICAP SINGLES

L. Goldman (-30) defeated V. R. Gordon (-3/0) by 6-2, 6-4 to enter the final of the Men's Handicap Singles. The winner will meet H. J. Armstrong in the final.

Rumjahns To Play Ho And Lee To-day

On the stand court of the Hongkong Cricket Club to-day, G.A. and H. D. Rumjahns, former holders of the doubles tennis championship of the Colony, will meet Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing in the semi-finals of the current tournament.

The Rumjahns cousins' play is all-round, but they are being made in the eyes of the spectators to make a new combination in the Colony championships. By their victory over W. A. H. Duff and T. A. Pearce, the Chinese have already shown that they cannot be taken lightly. Their defensive play is of a very high order and it is safe to say that unless the cousins produce their best form they will not have an easy passage into the final.

tennis championships, the men's singles of which Kho holds. But at the time of writing, the two have done well enough to make their chances in the 1939 Davis Cup competition look brighter than before. China, as has been announced, is drawn—peculiarly enough—against France once again in the first round of the European zone. It will be recalled that France was the first opponent in the 1936 championships and won with ease. Then Kho, Guy Cheng and Gordon Lum were no match for Christian Bousset and Bernard Destreum. Now, however, Kho has improved immeasurably and can hold his own with some of the best players in the world, while Choy, by his victory over C. E. Malfroy, the New Zealand Davis Cupper, on Tuesday, has proved that he has also improved greatly. China may not beat France in the Davis Cup tie, but the recent performances of her two representatives in Europe tend to prove that she has a better chance than most people had conceded her when the draw was announced. Kho's victories are more or less expected now, but Choy's win over Malfroy is in the nature of a surprise.

Not Impressive

I STILL remember the matches Choy played in Hongkong a couple of years ago, and I cannot say I was much impressed by him; in fact I was surprised that he played with the form he displayed could have won a "Blue" at Cambridge. But I was then told, and I quite believe it, that Choy plays better in England than he does in Hongkong. He finds the climate here unattractive to him, and judging by the many fine victories he has been scoring in recent months, he must be finding the climatic conditions in Hongkong more to his taste. With Kho and Choy as their representatives, Chinese tennis enthusiasts may look forward with some hope, a victory for China is not as impossible as some people seem to think.

(As reported elsewhere on this page, both Kho and Choy have made further progress in the Bournemouth championships. Their victims yesterday in the quarter-finals were Ronald Shyne and Laurence Shaff, the two British Davis Cup players).

OUR WEEKLY HOCKEY FEATURE

"Pilgrim" Says—

SIX-A-SIDE CATCHES ON

LAST SUNDAY'S TOURNAMENT AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

8th Destroyer Flotilla Thoroughly Deserve Win

The Hongkong Hockey Association Six-a-Side Tournament, staged at King's Park on Sunday last, proved an outstanding success. The idea of gathering together all the affiliated clubs, including the Army and Navy, seemed—to some—a formidable, if not impossible, task. But, with all-round enthusiasm, it proved easy.



Tel. McDonald, prolific scorer of the 8th Destroyer Flotilla team, which won the Six-a-Side Tournament last Sunday.

"PILGRIM'S" RANDOM JOTTINGS

Players Who Have Won Sticks

(By "The Pilgrim")

The following have been selected by me as the most improved League players for the 1938-39 season and each will receive a stick presented by Mr. Amar Singh, manager of International Sports:

Caer Clark Cup.—Miss A. Smith (C.B.S. centre-half).
Brawn Cup.—Miss B. Greaves (D.G.S. left half).
H.K.H.A. Tournament.—V. Ribeiro (Recreio goal-keeper).
Combined Boys Schools.—Master Gurdial Singh (Queen's College).

LEAGUE SCORERS

The highest goal-scorers will also receive a stick each. Their names are as follows:
Caer Clark Cup.—Miss M. Smith ("V" Ladies).
Brawn Cup.—Mrs. Ackroyd (Seaford Ladies).
H.K.H.A. Tournament.—Gurbachan Singh (Radio).
The above-mentioned players are requested to appear in person at the International Sports on Monday, May 8, at 6 p.m. sharp when the presentation of sticks will be made.

Two Matches In English Soccer

London, May 3. Two matches were played to-day in the English Football League. Plymouth, at home, defeated Norwich by a goal to nil in the Second Division, and Ipswich, at home, beat Reading by 2-1 in the southern section of the Third Division.—*Reuter*.

THE Hongkong Ladies lost what chances they had of winning the Brawn Cup when they shared two goals with the D.G.S. girls last Saturday. The Hongkong attack made several promising raids down the right flank, but Miss Darty in goal saved several good shots. There was no score in the first half, but shortly after the resumption, Miss J. Weller went through cleverly and scored. Up to this point, the Hongkong Ladies had had the best of the exchanges, but thereafter the team as a whole deteriorated, due probably to the heavy pitch. Soon after, Miss A. Chang equalised for the D.G.S. and in the last ten minutes both sides fought hard, but without success, for the winning goal. The Recreio Ladies are now champions, one point ahead of the Hongkong Ladies.

At the time of writing, I have not had time to have their names by Saturday when I shall comment on the prospects of the Civilian v. Services' annual encounter, which will be played on Sunday.

I am glad to hear that my suggestion in last Thursday's notes, that the Combined Boys' School should meet the Combined Girls' Schools in a "class of seasons" match, has been accepted. This match, between boys and girls, will commence at 2.45 p.m. on the Club ground and will act as a curtain-raiser to the Services v. Civilian clash on Sunday. The girls will be out to show the boys how hockey should be played.

FOLLOWING the last meeting of the H.K.H.A. Council at St. Andrew's Hall this afternoon, the Umpires' Hockey Board will also meet and a full attendance of members is requested.

THE following will represent the Civilian in their annual match against the Services on the Club ground on Sunday at 4 p.m.:
J. J. King (C.B.A.); V. C. Bond (Club); and A. P. Guest (Radio); R. J. Reed (Nomads); W. A. Reed (Club); Capt. and N. Whitley (Club); S. A. Fowler (Club); G. Singh (Radio); G. H. Fowler (C.B.A.); Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.); and J. Wall (Police).
Reserves.—R. Xavier (Nomads); R. Marques (Recreio); and J. Pinto (K.I.T.C.).
Colours.—All White.

The weather was fine and the grounds were as good as could be expected. There were nearly forty entries and the tournament, starting soon after 2 p.m., continued until the final at about 4.30 p.m., when the 8th Destroyer Flotilla and the Kumsons "B" were left to conclude the series, the 8th D.F. eventually winning by the ball being in the territory of their opponents.

There were several surprise results in the tournament; all the strong civilian teams—C.B.A., Recreio, K.I.T.C. and Radio—were disposed of in the earlier rounds. In many cases the winning teams only won by the ball being in their opponents' territory.

8TH D.F. A GOOD SIDE

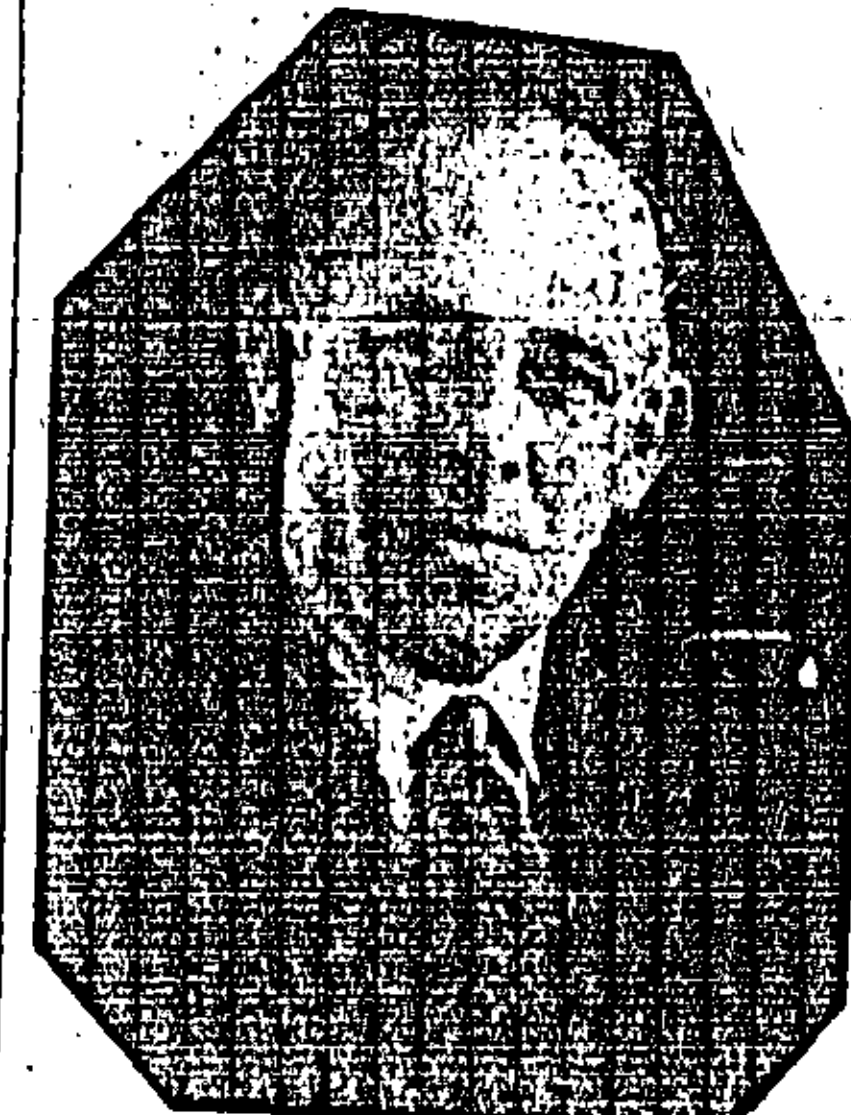
The 8th D.F., who were the winners, showed fine stamina by defeating the Kumsons "B" after a thrilling encounter. In all their preliminary games, the 8th D.F. according to the rules played typical and clever six-a-side hockey. The forwards played the correct game; B. Cornelius and Lt. Cdr. Cartwright on the wings, were very fast and controlled their ground passes excellently, while Tel. McDonald, who scored most of the goals for his side, showed sound judgment in his positional play, and in working either to the right or to the left as the actual state of play demanded. As a matter of fact the three forwards understood the necessary tactics required. Lt. Firth, at centre half, worked very hard and was the brains of the attack—his splendid openings paved the way for brilliant raids. Lt. Carr and Ratton the backs were game tacklers.

Hansa Dat, Ram Singh and Umed Singh were outstanding for the losers who shared two goals and two short corners for the final score; it was just unfortunate that the game ended in their half.

Consequently, this cleverness in forward play and intelligent tactics of the 8th D.F. placed the team in the front rank as worthy winners.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are due to the council of the H.K.H.A. upon their splendid enterprise. Lt. J. P. Gurner (R.N.) has also to be thanked for the due recording of the results and also the umpires for their splendid services. When the tournament was first proposed it was my firm conviction that the six-a-side game would quickly catch in this colony. With a few alterations to the rules it should in future prove very popular. It is a step which may have far reaching effect in knitting together the relationships of several smaller clubs affiliated to the Association. It certainly helps the game.



Mr. R. Henderson, retiring Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Hockey Association.

Secretary Tenders Resignation

"Bob" Henderson To Leave Shortly

The appointment of a successor to Mr. R. Henderson, the Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Hockey Association, takes place at a meeting of the Council this afternoon at 5.30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church Hall. As he is due to leave the Colony shortly for good, Mr. Henderson has tendered his resignation.

"Bob" has served in the capacity of Hon. Secretary for a full season, during which time he has carried out remarkably fine work on behalf of the Association.

There is no better-known personality on the hockey field than our "Bob," who has been in the game for a great number of years. As an umpire and administrator, he has rendered great service. He is a keen and enthusiastic worker, and the Colony, I am certain, will regret his departure.

There have been many outstanding personalities in the Association in the past, but none has surpassed Mr. Henderson in the amount of work done. Week in and week out during the season, he is always seen umpiring matches, and during his umpiring career he has had charge of international, inter-colonial and representative games, and all players will, I hope, avail themselves of the opportunity of wishing him farewell when he takes his last match in the Colony—Service v. Civilian on Sunday.

Here And There With "Abe"

Sporting Personality Now In The Colony

AN interesting visitor to these shores is Mr. F. D. Rose Price, globe-trotter, executive member of the South African Amateur Boxing Association, member of the Transvaal N.S.C., certificated boxing referee and judge, official of the Wanderers A.C., Johannesburg, South Africa, racing head man, financier. These, in short, are some of Mr. Rose Price's chief interests, and you will agree that they comprise a varied list. Mr. Rose Price and his wife have just arrived in the Colony. To-morrow he will proceed to Sydney with his wife and return to South Africa on Saturday. They were in Japan recently, and Mr. Rose Price has some very interesting things to say about amateur boxing in that country. He has been connected with the fight game almost all his life, and he knows what he is talking about. I can assure you.

Standard Very Poor

AMATEUR boxers in Japan go up to 140 pounds only, and judging by the bouts he has watched the standard of amateur boxing is very low indeed compared to that of other countries. He was taken to a tournament at the Tokyo University, which boasted some of the best amateur boxers in the country, and though the majority were very fast and clever, he failed to see a single one possessing a punch worthy of the name. "Any two-handed fighter with a decent wallop could have gone into the ring and knocked the heads off the best of the bunch I saw," says Mr. Rose Price, who thinks that as a class, Japanese boxers are not up to the standard of the Filipinos. If the Filipinos themselves are not conspicuous for their heavy hitting they are at least better than the Japanese who do not seem to be able to hit at all.

In South Africa

NATURALLY our talk finally turned to South Africa. Mr. Rose Price's home country. Without wishing to boost up the stock of his own country unduly, Mr. Rose Price really thinks that amateur boxing in South Africa ranks very high indeed. It certainly is better than that he has seen in most places he has visited, England and Australia not excluded. The reason for this is the tremendous enthusiasm shown for the game by the youngsters. In a recent tournament for juniors at Johannesburg, there were from 350 to 400 entries, which shows how popular boxing is there. He also recalls with pride that South Africans won two out of the five

boxing championships at the British Empire Games in 1930 and in the last meeting in Australia. Mr. Rose Price has been invited to officiate at the Victorian Amateur Boxing Championships, which take place in July, and when this tournament is completed he will officiate at the Australian Amateur Championships.

Athletics

MR. Rose Price is also greatly interested in athletics. Rapid strides he says, are being made in South Africa in developing youngsters, some of whom will be world-beaters some day. Particularly good are they in field events, but on the track they have not made such good progress, though they have a few men who can beat ten seconds quite regularly for the 100 yards. Mr. Rose Price has a son, Mr. T. Rose Price, who won the Southern Transvaal mile championship in 1936 in the good time of 4 mins. 27 secs. This record has been beaten since, however.

Chinese Success

THIS was written last night. So by the time these notes appear in print, both Kho Sin-ide and W. C. Choy, the Chinese Davis Cup players, may have been already eliminated from the Bournemouth hardcourt



Kho Sin-ide, the Chinese Davis Cup player, who is defending his hardcourt title at Bournemouth. He defeated Ronald Shyne in the quarter-finals yesterday.

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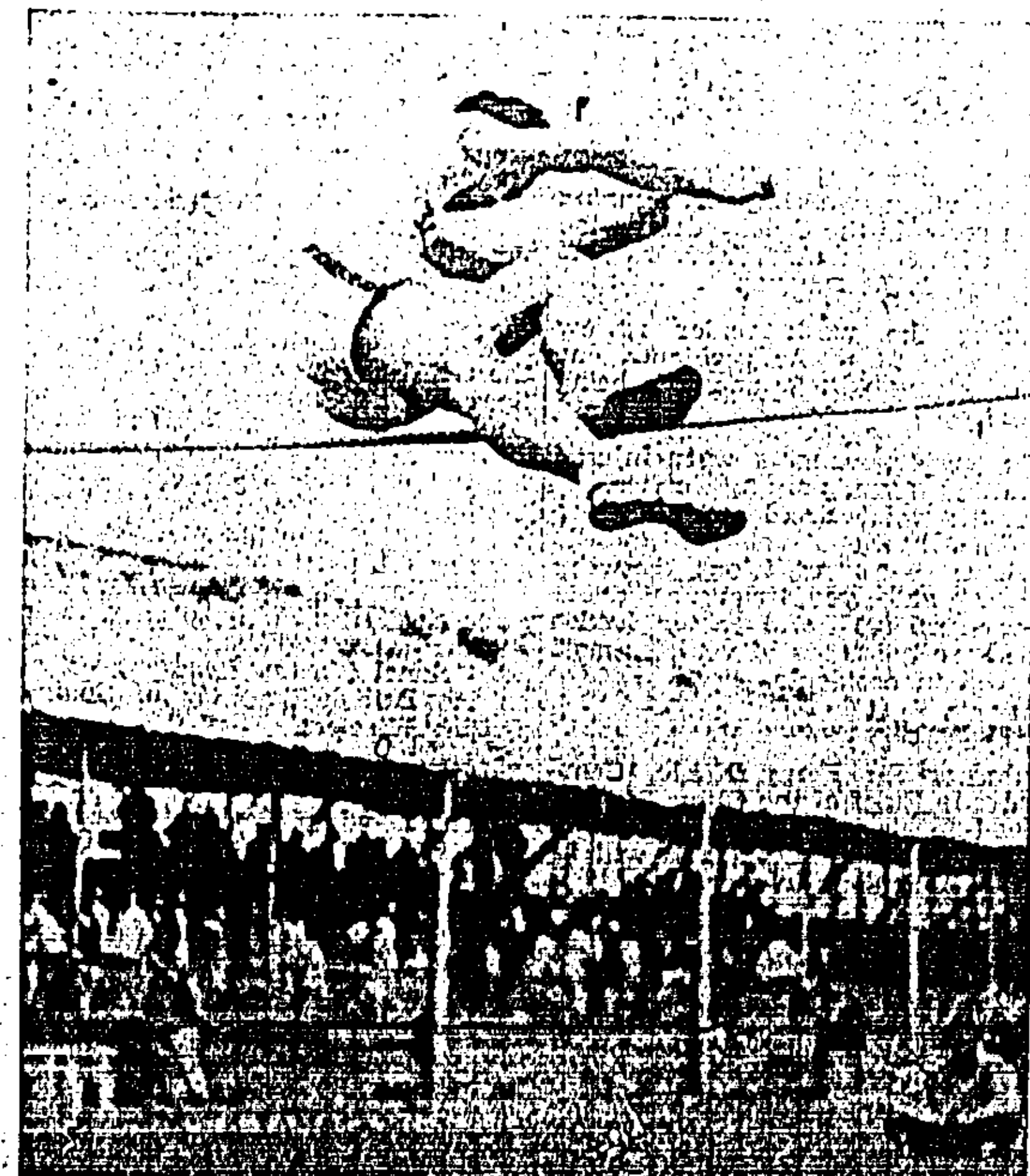
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Action picture of Orlando Poon, of La Salle College, who cleared 5 feet 6 1/2 inches in the high jump at the Inter-School sports finals at Caroline Hill on Monday.—*Staff Photographer*.

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Hongkong Fencer Represents Bertrand's

F. J. T. LOCKE DOES WELL WITH EPEE IN POLONIA CUP MATCH

Fencers in Hongkong will be deeply interested to learn that Mr. F. J. T. Locke, of the Public Works Department, and an enthusiastic fencer, was recently selected to represent Salle Bertrand, probably the oldest Salle d'Armes in England, in the Polonia Cup Competition. Mr. Locke is now on holiday in England.

The trophy for the competition was presented to the A.F.A. by the Polish Fencing Association for an international three-weapon team contest. The British Salles and clubs entered are now reduced to four, who will compete with the foreign teams at Bertrand's on May 20 and 21, these being the Salle Bertrand, Salle Pital, London Fencing Club and Lansdowne Club.

Mr. Locke is quite an old member of the Salle Bertrand, but this is the first time that he has represented them with the epee. Apart from the Polonia Cup Competition, Mr. Locke was also chosen to represent Bertrand's with the epee in a three-weapon match in the Nairn Cup, which is a trophy that has been fought for each year for 20 years by teams of three—one foilist, one epeeist, and one sabreur, from each of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Salle Bertrand and the Sabre Club.

ENTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. Locke has also been entered for a British epee championship in June. He has been doing a lot of fencing in the Cercle Militaire in Paris under the direction of the Maître Dodiviers, who is the father of Fencing Professors in France.

In the Round of the Polonia Cup Competition, Bertrand's beat MacDonald's 14-4, and in the second round beat Polytechnic by the same score.

Scores:

ROUND 1.—BERTRAND'S BEAT MACDONALD'S 14-4.—Bertrand's: F. Stark, 3 wins, 0 defeats, 4 hits; R. C. Winton, 3-0-7; N. G. Winton, 1-2-10. Total, 7 wins. MacDonald's: P. G. Williams, 1-2-10; A. R. Smith, 1-2-11; H. Feldman, 0-3-12. Total, 3 Epees.—Bertrand's: Stark, 3-0-7; F. J. T. Locke, 3-0-1; R. C. Winton, 1-2-4. Total, 2 Sabre abandoned.

ROUND 2.—BERTRAND'S BEAT POLYTECHNIC 14-4.—Bertrand's: G. J. C. Moore, 3-0-2; N. G. Winton, 3-0-7; R. C. Winton, 1-2-11. Total, 7 Polytechnic: Dr. A. G. Signy, 1-2-9; G. Haynes, 1-2-10; T. L. Wain, 0-3-12. Total, 3 Epees.—Bertrand's: Moore, 3-0-2; R. C. Winton, 1-2-11; F. J. T. Locke, 3-0-1. Total, 1 Polytechnic: Signy and D. S. Martin, each 1-2-9; R. Ratnam, 0-3-6. Total, 2 Sabre abandoned as not affecting result.

PAUL'S BEAT TASSART-PARKINS 14-4.—Paul's: R. Paul, 3-0-7; I. F. Paritt, 2-1-9; H. Cooke, 1-2-9. Total, 5 Tassart-Parkins: J. Albert, 2-1-9; R. Tassart-Parkins, 1-2-9; P. Praem, 1-2-9. Total, 4 Epees.—Paul's: Paul and Cooke each 1-2-4; Paritt, 0-3-6. Total, 2 Tassart-Parkins: Praem, 0-3-1; L. V. Fildes, 0-3-2; L. M. Lennan, 1-2-9. Total, 3 Sabre.—Paul's: G. A. Bisset, 3-0-4; Cooke, 3-0-1; C. Hardy, 1-2-9. Total, 6 Tassart-Parkins: Andras, 1-2-9; C. E. Crosland, 1-2-11; S. C. X.

French Players Called Up

Paris, May 3. The two French Davis Cup tennis players, Petra and Pelizza, have been called up for military service and will probably not be able to participate in the first elimination round which is to be played on May 18. They belong to the 24th infantry regiment, which according to *Petit Parisien*, has been assigned to duty on the Spanish frontier. — *Trans-Ocean*.

K.B.G.C. CEREMONY

The recently completed extensions to Kowloon Bowling Green Club-house will be formally opened by Sir Atholl MacGregor on Sunday at 12.15 p.m.

There will be a bowls match prior to the opening between Club teams captained by Sir Atholl and the President, T. E. Robson. Members who wish to play are asked to be on the green by 10.15 a.m.

WARNE, 0-3-12. Total, 2. L.F.C. beat BOROUGHLY POLY 24-3.—Foil: L. F. C. C. R. Hammett, 3-0-3; Schwitzer, 3-0-4; P. M. Turquet, 3-0-3. Total, 9. Borough Poly: A. E. Kellogg, 11. Townsend and W. Cox each 0-3-12. Total, 0. F.C. beat L.F.C. Hammett, Turquet, and Schwitzer each 2-1-3. Total, 6. Borough Poly: A. Tyrrell, 2-1-4; Kellogg, 1-2-9; Townsend, 0-3-6. Total, 3. Sabre: L.F.C.: Turquet, 3-0-2; Schwitzer, 3-0-3; Hammett, 3-0-6. Total, 9. Borough Poly: Kellogg, Cox, and Tyrrell, each 0-3-12. Total, 0.

LANGSDOWNE beat LLOYDS BANK 10-9.—Foil: Langdowne: C. A. Whitney-Smith, 3-0-4; F. P. Crowder, 2-1-9; Dix, 2-1-7. Total, 7. Lloyds Bank: P. A. Mowlam, 2-1-10; J. M. Hicks and M. B. McDonald, each 0-3-12. Total, 2. Epee: Langdowne: P. St. G. Cooke, 2-1-3; M. D. McCready, 1-2-5; Dix, 0-3-6. Total, 3. Lloyds Bank: A. Payne, 3-0-3; McDonald, 2-1-9; Mowlam, 1-2-9. Total, 6. Sabre: Langdowne: Dix, 3-0-3; D. Flower, 3-0-4; Crowder, 1-2-9. Total, 6. Lloyds Bank: J. M. Hicks, 1-2-11; Mowlam and Payne each, 0-3-12. Total, 1.



Picture gives an idea of the large number of competitors taking part in the Three Miles team race yesterday at the Hongkong Area Sports Board's annual athletic meeting held on the Polo ground, Boundary Street. H.K.S.R.A. runners made a clean sweep in this event.—Staff Photographer.

Macao Sends Soccer Team To Hongkong

To Play Eastern On Sunday

Football in the Colony is not yet over for the 1938-39 season. The Eastern Football Club has invited Macao to pay a visit to the Colony during the week-end, and will play a match against the visitors on Sunday on the Club ground.

Macao has chosen more or less the same team which lost to Hongkong in the Interport some weeks ago, the only change being "at inside" left where Cesar Amarante comes into the side.

The following are the players chosen to represent Macao:

Defilm Carvalho; Chiang Shan-ching, Francisco Lobato; Antonio Cordova, Alexandre Alosa, Antonio Nito de Sousa; Manuel Roso, Antonio Colacao (Capt.), Fernando Guerreiro, Cesar Amarante and Joao Lopes.

Reserves.—Lam Sun-lau and Antonio Badaraco.

It is possible that Macao's right back, Chiang Shan-ching, may turn out for Eastern as he is a member of the team and played for them against the Navy last Saturday. If Chiang plays for Eastern, Lam Sun-lau may take his place.

The Macao team will leave the Portuguese colony on Sunday morning by the Sai On, arriving here about 11.15 a.m.

NEW YORK OUTFITS WIN GAMES

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

New York, May 3. Two matches in the National Baseball League were not played today because of the cold. Scores:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	4	10	1
New York	6	9	2

(Frey and Myers homered for the Reds).

Chicago	1	5	1
Philadelphia	4	9	0

(Leiber homered for the Cubs and Arnovich for the Phillies).

The matches Pittsburgh Pirates v. Brooklyn Dodgers and St. Louis Cardinals v. Boston Braves were not played owing to the cold.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	3	5	0
Chicago	1	3	1

(Atten homered for the Athletics and Kuhel for the White Sox).

Boston	4	14	2
Cleveland	1	5	1
New York	10	9	0
Detroit	6	10	2

(Greenberg homered for the Tigers).

Washington	11	18	4
St. Louis	10	13	3

—*Reuter*.

New President Of The M.C.C.

London, May 3. Mr. Stanley Christopherson has been elected President of the Marylebone Cricket Club in succession to Lord Baldwin.

Mr. Christopherson played against Australia in 1884 and was Kent's chief bowler for some years.—*Reuter* Special.

Lawn Bowls Match Now Cancelled

The bowls match arranged between the Civil Service Cricket Club and the Prison Officers Club at Stanley on Saturday has been cancelled.

F. A. PRESIDENT

London, May 3. Mr. William Cull, of Everton, is now the only nomination for the post of President of the Football League. The election will take place on June 5.—*Reuter*.

MEDWAY RECEPTION

It is announced that the dress for gentlemen attending the Medway's "At Home" on Friday, May 5, is tail-coats or white shell jackets.

Winnebar Carries Off Chester Cup

London, May 3.

At Chester to-day, Sir Frederick E. Lay's Winnebar, starting at 100 to 8 and ridden by Gordon Richards, won the Chester Cup to-day, covering two and a quarter miles in 4 mins. 3 3/4 secs. to beat Miss. Jameson's Irish Slew, also at 100 to 8, by three lengths, with Brigadier-General Lamston's Eldonnill, 8 to 1, in third place one and a half lengths behind.

The race was valued at £2,000. Winnebar took the lead six furlongs from home and won comfortably. The French challenger, Monthery, started a five to one favourite, and finished tenth.—*Reuter*.

LOCAL YACHTING Sweepstake Race Won By La Linda

A sweepstake race held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday over 0.2 miles gave first place to La Linda, with four others out of eight finishing the course. Results:

	Finished Pos.
La Linda	1
(Mrs. M. I. Johnston)	2
True Blue	3
(Miss H. Crawhall Wilson)	4
Kittiwake	5
(Miss P. M. King)	6
Nereid II	7
(Lt. Fanshawe, R.N.)	8
Gull	9
(A. O. G. Mills)	10
Artemis	D.N.F.
Jean	D.N.F.
Teal	D.N.F.

SPORT ADVTS THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 6th May, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 12 NOON. Timings are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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Climaxing what is by all odds her happiest screen story, Sonja Henie's magnificent "Alice in Wonderland" ice ballet brings to a thrilling conclusion her latest 20th Century-Fox triumph, "My Lucky Star," in which Richard Greene is co-starred. The picture is coming to the King's Theatre to-morrow.

RENEWAL OF LEASES Chamber Of Commerce And Government Policy

An interesting position regarding the renewal of Crown leases has arisen recently and the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce is at present considering the matter. Mention of this is made in the annual report of the Chamber, which reviews the whole situation. It says:

In Hongkong, ownership of land is with a very few exceptions—in leases held from the Crown. Some naval and military lands, and St. John's Cathedral and precincts, are held in fee simple. The oldest leases granted were for 75 years. In 1840, leases for 999 years were authorised, and existing 75 year leases were converted accordingly. In the eighties of last century the issue of 999 year leases ceased, and 75 year leases without option of renewal were re-introduced. About 1880 the standard period became 75 years, renewable for another 75 years, without payment of premium, at a Crown Rent to be assessed by the Director of Public Works as a fair rental value of the ground at the date of renewal. This is now the usual period of tenure.

In the Leased Territories the system of tenure was originally a 75 years lease from 1898 with an option of renewal to a date just within the period of the New Territories lease (which runs for 99 years from 1898). With the efflux of time shorter and shorter leases have thus been granted in the New Territories.

The General Committee of the Chamber had under consideration during 1938 Government policy concerning the renewal of the leases for 75 years, without an option of renewal, entered into about 1885, as to

which representations had been received that differences of opinion had arisen between property owners and the Government. Desiring to develop their property, certain owners enquired as to the terms upon which Government would be prepared to issue an extension of their tenancy for a further 75 years after expiry of the first 75 years. The Government replied that a premium would be payable, also increased Crown Rent for the remainder of the first 75 years period, at the expiry of which the lease holder would be entitled to a renewal for a further term of 75 years at such rent as shall be fixed by the Director of Public Works as the fair and reasonable rental value of the ground at the date of such renewal.

Enormous Increase
The figure mentioned by Government as representing the increased Crown Rent which would be payable was, in some cases, five times the amount at present paid by the holders of such leases. The amount of premium payable varied according to the property. One owner of property on the Peak submitted that, under these terms, he would be called upon to pay an additional sum of approximately \$7,000 over the unexpired portion of his present Crown Lease. Another instance reported to the

Committee concerned the owners of property held on lease for 75 years of which there were 20 years still to run. The terms Government offered were renewal for 75 years at a rate of 10 per cent. of the unexpired 20 years, increased Crown Rent and a fine or premium to be paid immediately. This, it was submitted, would mean that when the 20 years expired and there would be 75 years less 20, to go, the Company would have paid an increased Crown Rent and fine the sum of \$400,000.

It was further submitted that acceptance of the terms offered by Government in respect of renewals of leases for Peak property alone would involve, over a period of the next 40 years, payment in premiums and increased Crown Rent of an enormous sum.

On behalf of property owners, however, it was submitted that holders of 75 years leases had exactly the same amount of work to do on their land as holders of 75 years with option leases, but the former had a much worse tenure.

Committee Appointed

A special Committee of the Chamber (of which the members were the Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson, the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, Mr. E. Davidson and Mr. D. C. Edmondston) was appointed to consider the matter in the light of any further information received as to Government policy, a member of the General Committee having undertaken to refer to Government certain documents which it was thought should lead to modification of Government's terms. One of these documents was a publication entitled "Digest of Instructions from the Secretary of State regarding Disposal and Tenure

of Land in the Colony of Hongkong" by Phillip Jacks. It carried into effect the recommendations contained therein would give holders of 75 years leases the terms which they were asking for, namely that in the event of renewal now of a 75 years lease, increases in Crown Rent would not take effect until expiry of the remaining years of the lease, and no premium would be payable.

The second document referred to Government was the Report of the Land Commission 1937/7, particularly the following paragraphs:

"The Commissioners are of the opinion that it is desirable in the interests of the Colony that all the land granted upon lease (except for agricultural or pastoral purposes, or for garden lots) should be granted upon the same tenure. Before very long it will be necessary that something should be done in reference to the leases for 75 years. The same difficulties will soon arise in dealing with them as arose with the 75 years leases granted in the early days of the Colony, when the lot holders looked forward to the fact that the termination of their leases was with the measurable distance, to remedy which the term was extended for a further period of 924 years. The lots become unmarketable, tenants will do nothing towards repairs, or in the improvements or sustenance of their dwellings: if they were habitable towards the expiration of the term that is as much as they would be.

Right of Re-entry

"No-one has bought land on a 75 years lease only, with the idea that the Crown would enforce its right of re-entry at the end of 75 years and turn them out. Nor does it appear why there should be any distinction on one side of the harbour to another, or on lands in the town or in the country. It may be urged that parties should be kept to the strict performance of their engagement with the Crown, and that where land has risen in value the landlord should

be entitled to the unearned increment, at least proportionally with the tenant.

"In modern days it has been strenuously urged that the landlord, even if a private individual, has no right to this unearned increment. In case the Crown insists upon its rights, however, the Crown will, at the expiration of 75 years, take not only the unearned increment, but the whole value of the improvement effected by the tenants.

"The Crown, in dealing with the Crown lands, is not like some private person selfishly seeking to drive a hard bargain at the expense of an individual, but to dispose of its lands in the best interests of the whole community.

"The Crown, as the Commissioners have endeavoured to point out in another part of this Report, has the entire monopoly of all ungranted land, and in the case of the settlers at Kowloon, and on the Hills, purchasers were, and are, compelled either to accept the terms that are offered by the Crown, or to go without the land.

"The Commissioners feel sure that the same reasons which decided Earl Grey to sanction the extension of Town Lots from 75 to 999 years would apply equally to the extension of the Leases of all other Lots from 75 to 999 years."

The matter is still under discussion.

Birthdays Rouse Energy

PASADENA, Cal.

William E. Merrell's hobby is to demonstrate on each birthday his capacity for doing something new. On his 70th birthday he painted a roof. On his 60th birthday he announced that he is rushing a book to completion.

Nazi Plane Leaves

Arrives In Formosa On
Way To Japan

The German Junkers JU52, which is on a leisurely flight from Berlin to Japan and which arrived here on Tuesday, left for Taihoku, Formosa, at 7.50 a.m. yesterday.

The plane is piloted by Baron von Gablenz, director of the German Luftwaffe Aircraft Company, and others on board are Mr. G. Kaumann, who is to foster a commercial alliance between Japanese and German aircraft companies, Mrs. Kaumann, and Messrs. Helm (second officer), Wolschke (mechanic) and Kober (wireless operator).

Although no official confirmation could be obtained from the Eurasia company, it is reported that the plane will be handed over to them on May 18.

Arrives at Taihoku

Taihoku, May 3.
The German plane arrived at Taihoku at 12.55 p.m. Staying here overnight, the German plane will proceed to Tokyo tomorrow to finish its leisurely flight from Berlin—Domei.

CLIPPER DELAYED

The westward flight of the Philippines Clipper to Hongkong has been cancelled. The Clipper had been held up at Honolulu for almost a week by adverse weather conditions. Mails and passengers will be transferred to a larger Boeing machine. The Honolulu Clipper which is making its first flight to the East. The Honolulu Clipper left San Francisco yesterday and is scheduled to arrive in Hongkong on May 10.

AIR FORCE IN

The weekly Air France plane reached Hongkong at 11.45 a.m. yesterday with passengers and mail from Hanoi. Among those aboard were Messrs. Bowen and Witham, from Indo-China.

The plane will leave on Saturday on the return trip.

NEW AIR SERVICE

Paris, May 3.
An agreement has been signed for the inauguration of a weekly air service between Hanoi and Saigon on July 1.—Reuter.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures
Of Planes

Outward
For London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. May 5. Imperial Airways 7 a.m. May 9.
For Chungking, Sian, etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C., service indefinite.
For U.S.A. via Manila and Guam: Pan American, Honolulu Clipper 8.30 a.m. May 11.
For France, via Hanoi: Air France 6.30 a.m. May 6.

Inward
From London, Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. May 4. Imperial Airways 5 p.m. May 8.
From U.S.A., via Guam, and Manila: Pan American Honolulu Clipper 12.30 p.m. May 10.
From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Service indefinite.
From France, via Hanoi: Air France 1 p.m. May 10.

PEACE PLEDGE UNION Social Settlement Work In Need of Funds

That an appeal for funds for the Social Settlement Scheme of the Peace Pledge Union would shortly be made was mentioned at a business meeting of the Union which was held at the Challenge Book Shop yesterday. Mr. R. A. D. Forrest presided. The meeting agreed that a collection box for money be passed round at every meeting, proceeds for the Social Settlement.

Reporting on the Settlement, Mrs. Short said the idea came into existence in November 25, 1937, as an experiment to find the solution of housing the poorer Chinese people in Hongkong.

Two reports were published by the original group, who took over the Settlement, but at the end of last year this group felt they could not carry on longer. The P.P.U. then took it up as a piece of practical pacifist work.

Mrs. Short then told of the occupants and their occupations, the rent received for each cubicle and bed space, and the number of tenants present in the flats which were in Nos. 53 to 61 Wai Ching Street, Yau-mai.

Lectures had been given on birth control to the women some time ago, while visits have been made regularly to see that the premises are kept clean, said Mrs. Short.

Jumble Sale Arranged
Continuing, Mrs. Short said that a jumble sale had been arranged for May 12 at the Kowloon Union Church Hall to try and raise more money for the Settlement, and she hoped every one would help by sending along their unwanted clothing.

Regarding the financial side of the Settlement, Mrs. Short said that \$92 per month was needed to keep it going, while the income from rents and other sources amounted to about \$60 monthly. She added that the P.P.U. had quite a number of generous donations in January which had enabled them to keep going until now.

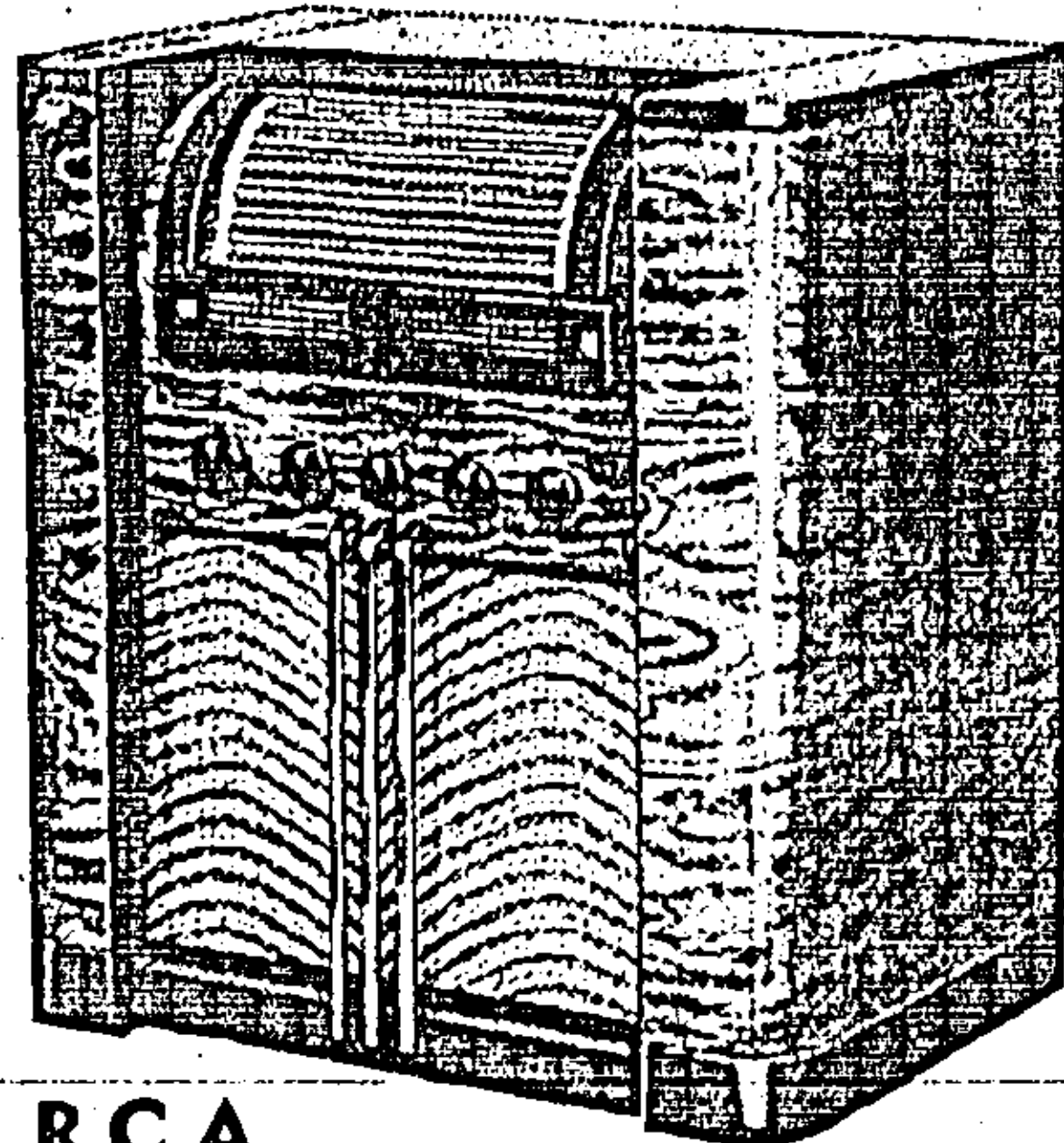
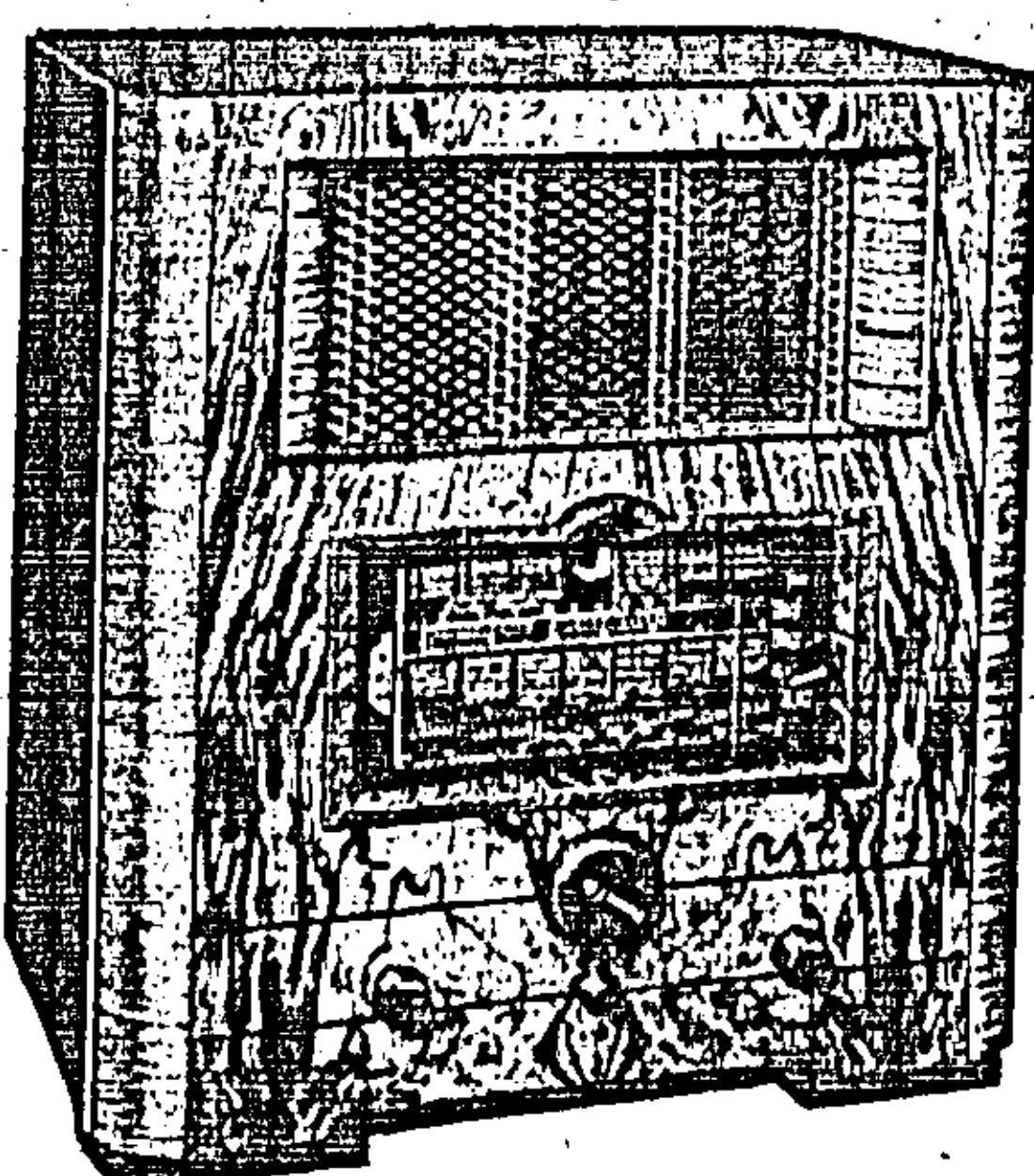
The speaker for the next meeting on May 10 will be Dr. K. L. Helchell, who will speak on "A Message of Peace from Madras," while members will meet at the Jordan Road ferry, Kowloon, on May 17 at 8.40 p.m. for a visit to the Social Settlements.

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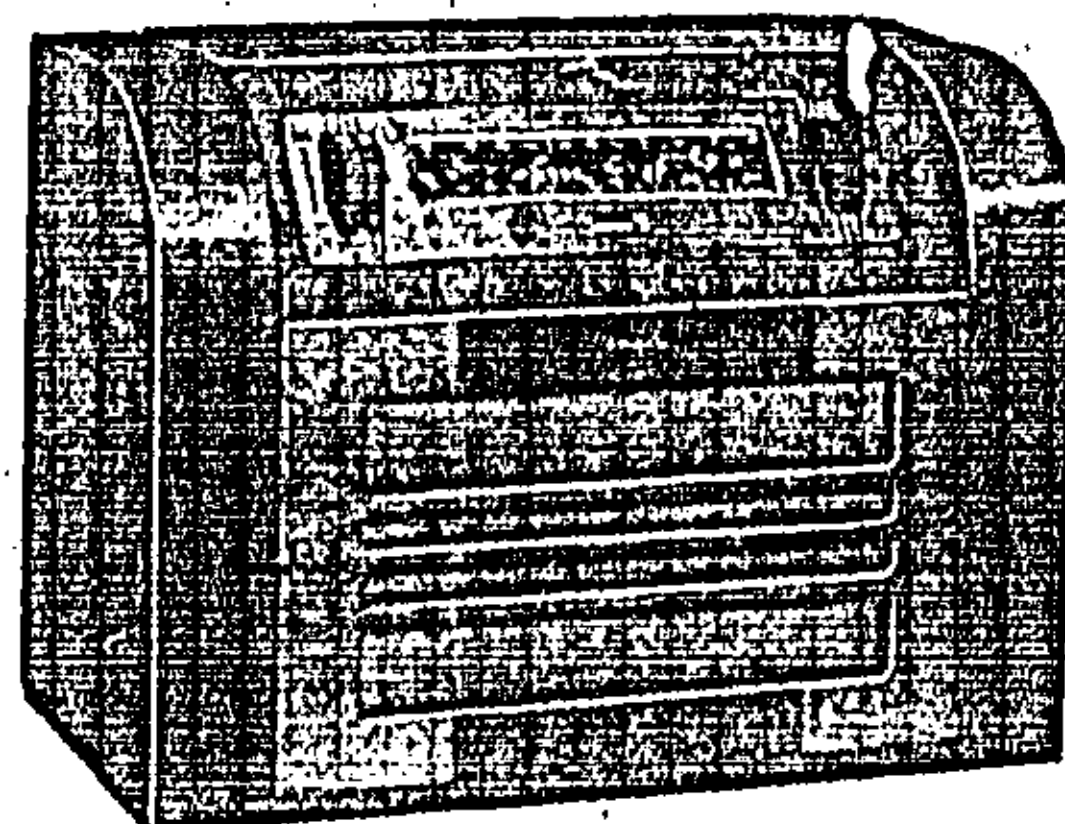
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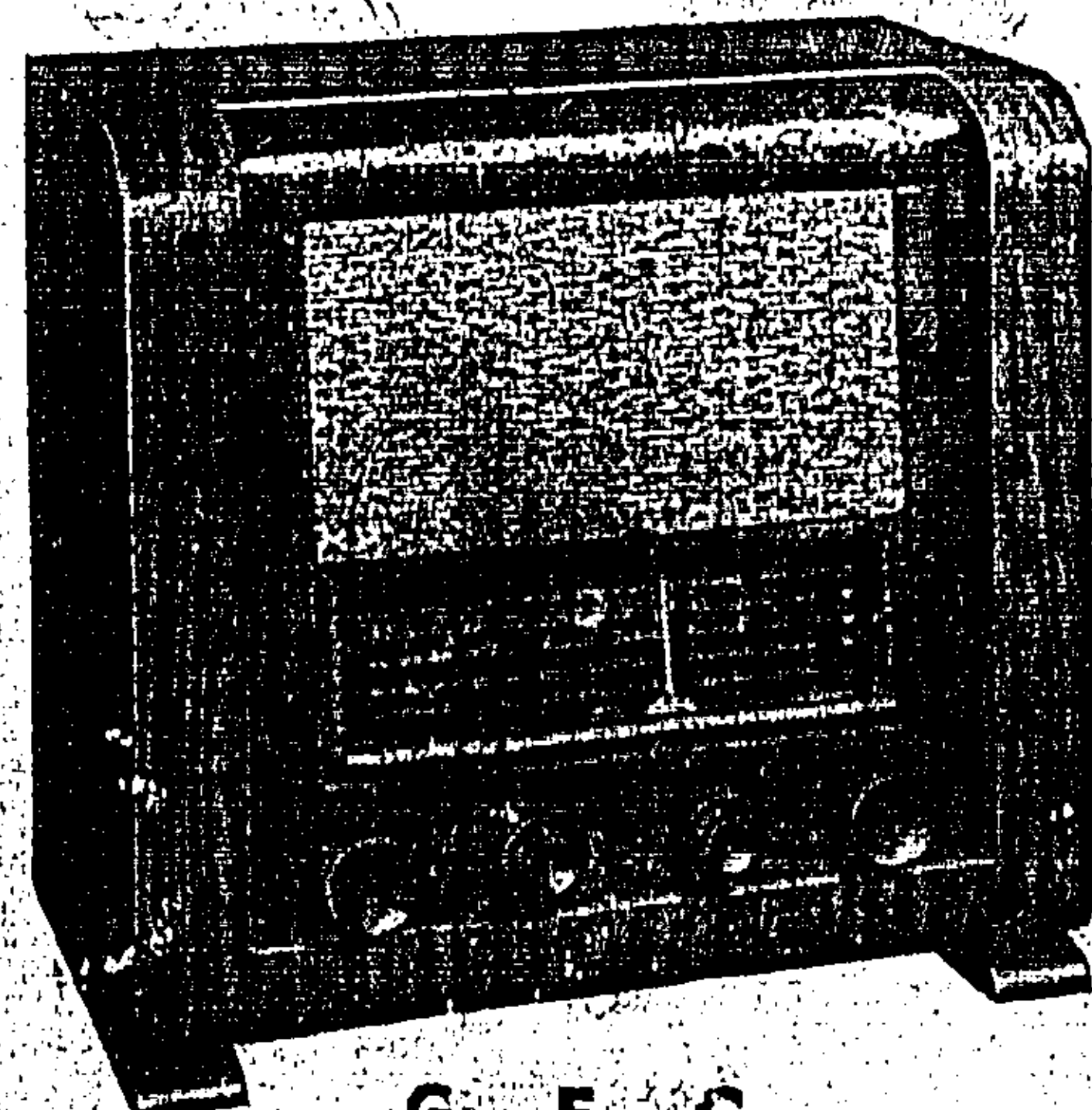


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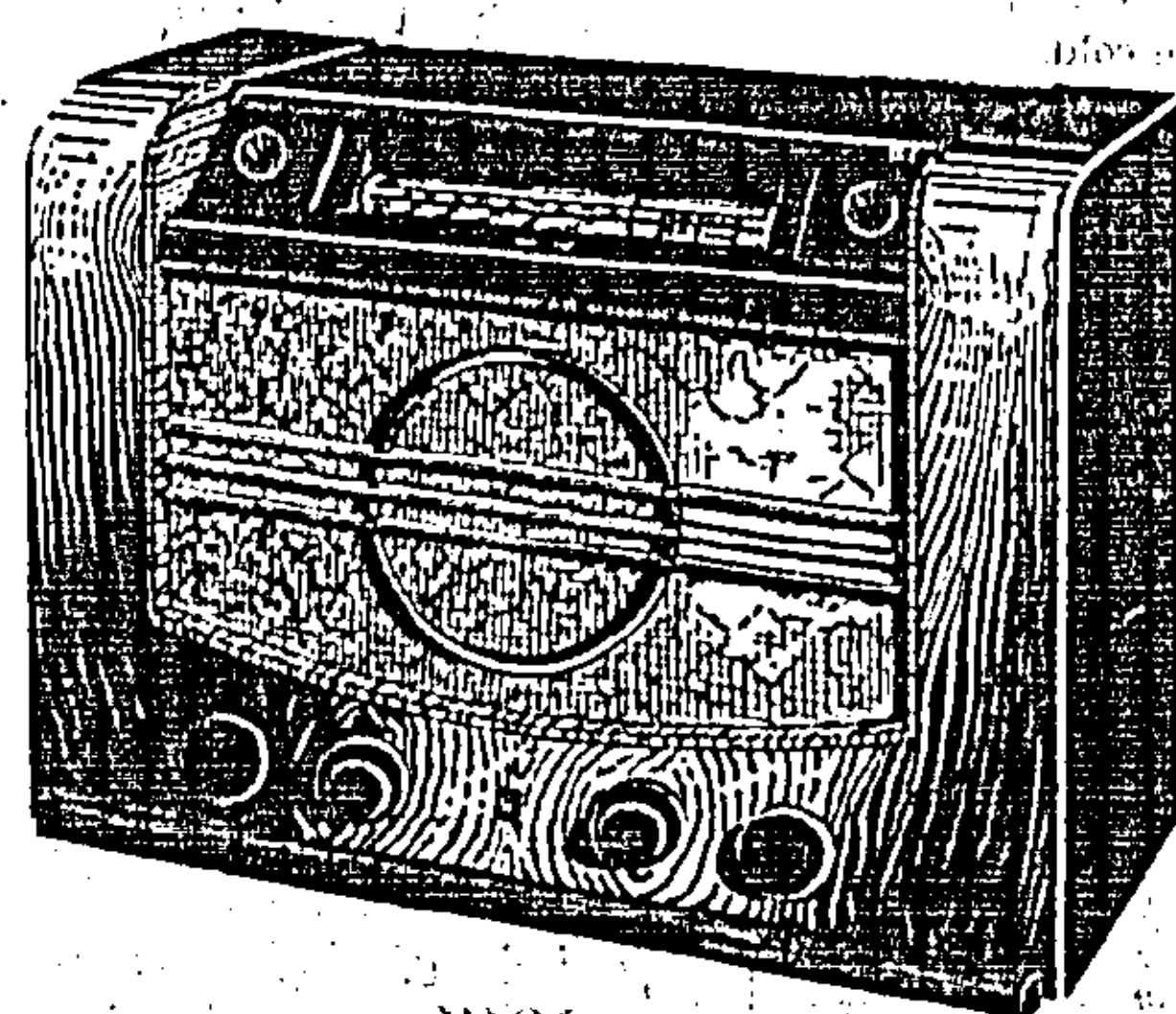
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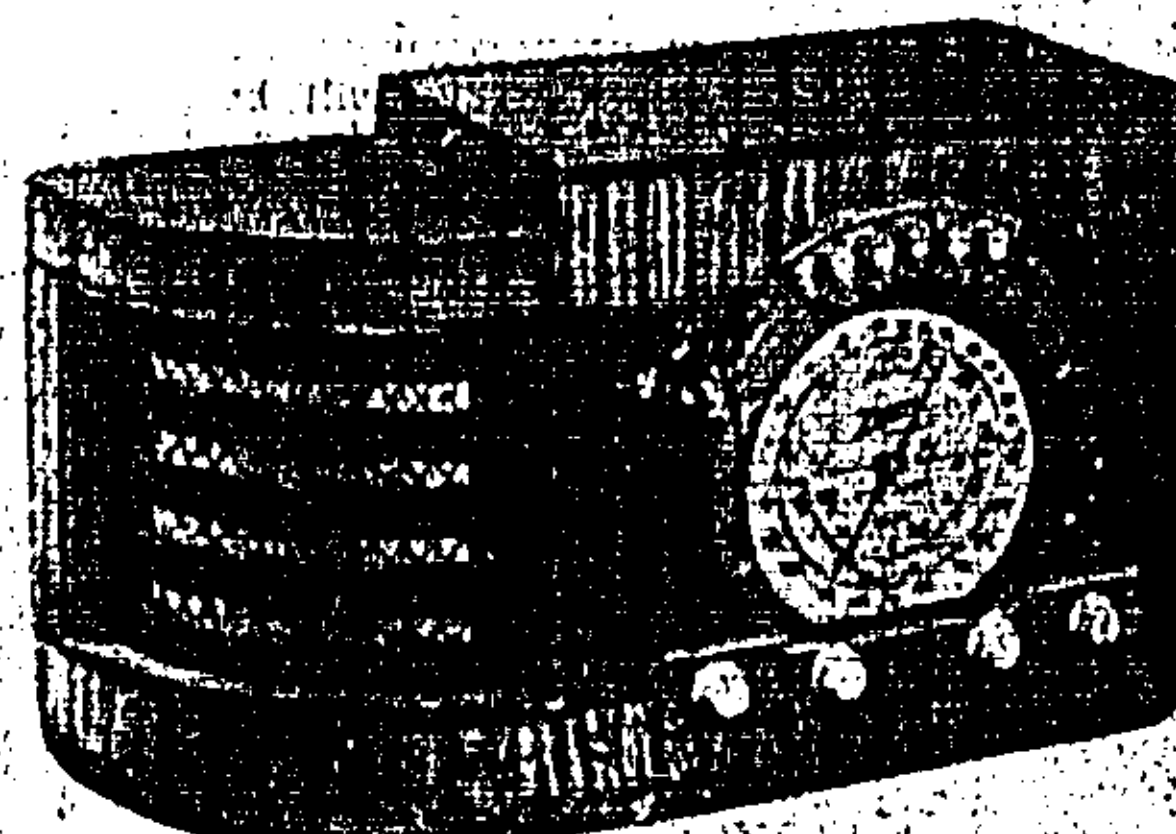
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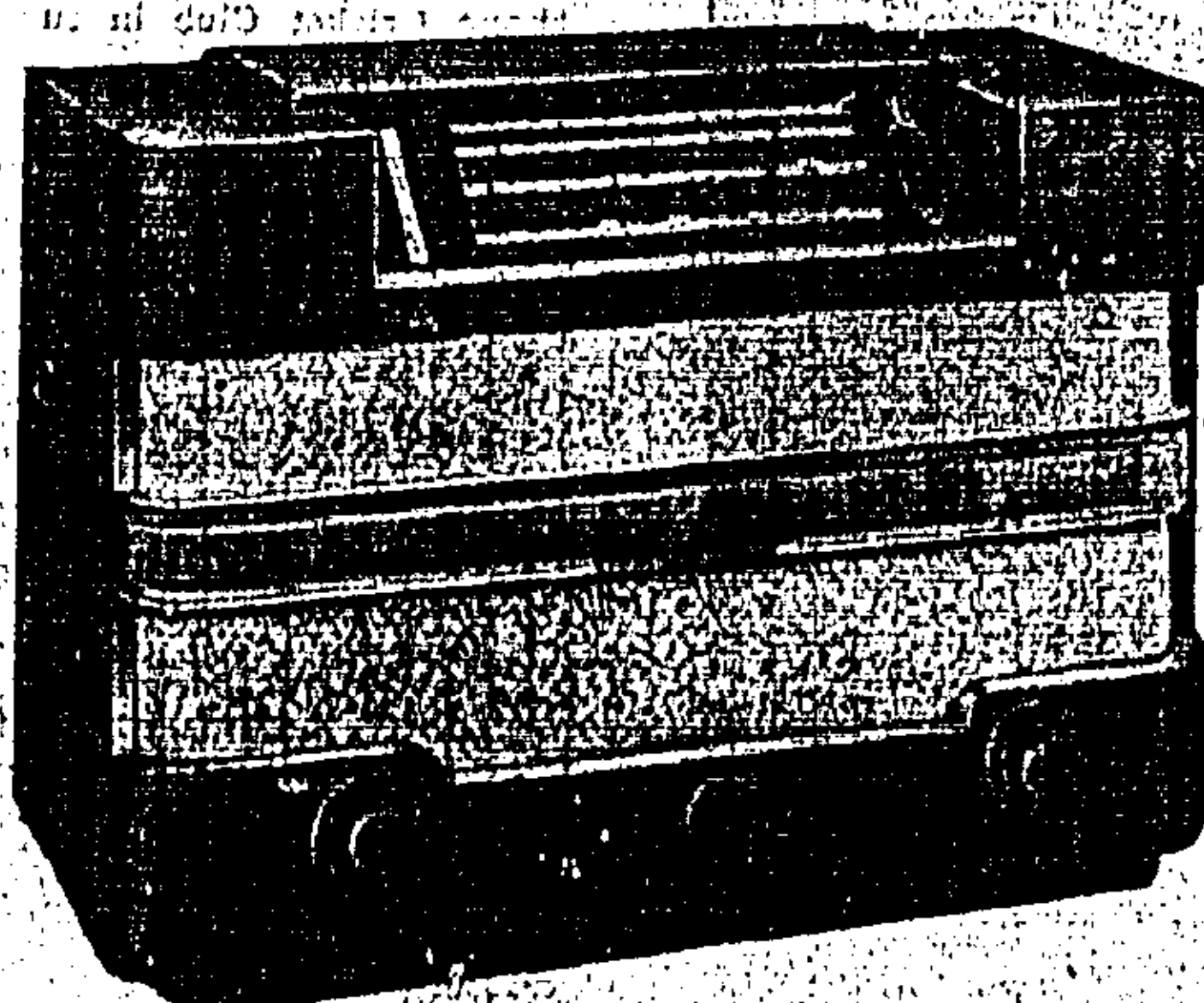
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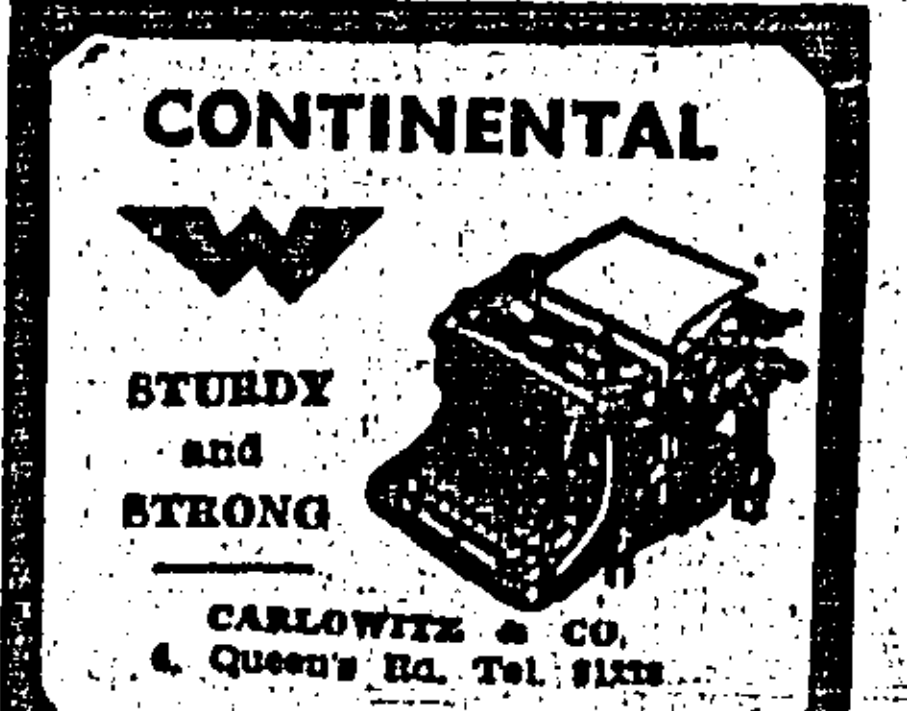
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LANGUAGE SCHOOL Failure Explained In Chamber Report

The discontinuation of the Chinese Language School was explained by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce in its annual report, which says that the reasons for the failure were lack of direction from a European Director of Studies, an insufficient number of pupils and lack of suitable accommodation.

The report states: The General Committee accepted, with regret, a recommendation by the Chinese Language School Sub-committee that the Chamber's classes in Cantonese Colloquial and Mandarin be discontinued as from November 30, 1938.

The Language School Committee's report, dated September 30, was as follows: "We have given careful consideration to the present working of the school and to its future. While convinced of the benefits to be derived from a good knowledge of the Chinese language and the necessity for the Chamber to provide facilities for the teaching thereof, the Sub-committee is forced to the lamentable conclusion that the school, as at present constituted, falls very short of the essential standard."

"Briefly, the school has failed for the following reasons: (1) Lack of direction from a European Director of Studies; (2) An insufficient number of pupils; (3) Lack of suitable accommodation."

"Careful consideration has already been given to ways and means of reorganisation, and all members of the Chamber have been circled in order to ascertain the prospects of obtaining new pupils. The response is most encouraging and such as to rule out, on financial grounds, any question of the employment of a European Director of Studies."

Funds Required
"In these circumstances, the Sub-committee has reached the conclusion that a school of adequate standard and therefore requiring direction from a European Director of Studies, could only be maintained with financial assistance from the Chamber. Unless the Chamber accepts the view that adequate facilities should be provided and is prepared to provide the funds therefore, the Sub-committee has, to its great regret, no alternative but to recommend that the school be discontinued as soon as conveniently possible."

"In submitting this recommendation, the Sub-committee suggests that as the present honorary examiners have signified their willingness to act, the Chamber should still provide facilities for examinations, and, in addition (for the benefit of enquirers), keep a register of qualified Chinese teachers known to them."

"In accepting the Language School Committee's recommendation, the General Committee decided that a circular should be issued annually to members, and if at any time there were indications of sufficient support, consideration should be given to reopening the school."

The Committee's decision to discontinue the classes was circulated to members on October 19 and it was intimated that the services of the honorary examiners in Cantonese were still available for the Final Certificate Examination, the requirement for which a student must be able to conduct his everyday business through the medium of Cantonese. Members were also informed that arrangements could still be made whereby students could take in Hongkong the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce examination in Mandarin and Cantonese, and Mandarin teachers known to the Chamber would be kept for the reference of members.

Representations to Government

Prior to the decision to discontinue the Chamber's classes a letter, dated June 7, had been addressed to Government stating that if a school for the teaching of the Chinese language to cadets and other civil servants was established by the Government, the Chamber would welcome the opportunity of considering with Government the merging of the Chamber's Language School with the new organisation. In this connection, reference was made to the presence in Hongkong of Dr. Erwin Redifer, of Vienna University, and it was intimated that Dr. Redifer's methods had been tried in Hong Kong and found to be of great assistance to students.

The Government replied on June 20, as follows: "As you are probably aware it has for long been the practice to send Cadet Officers and Police Probationers to Canton or Macao for language study, and the syllabus laid down for their examinations makes individual tuition by single teachers almost essential. It is true that some years ago an attempt was made in connection with the Chinese School at the Hongkong University to conduct language classes for such officers, but this did not prove a success and the system of individual tuition was re-commenced. The Government has therefore no present intention of establishing such a school as is contemplated in your letter for the few officers concerned."

"As regards subordinate officers and others who (like most of the Chamber of Commerce students) must study the language after office hours, you have no doubt on recent correspondence between your Chamber and this office between December 1933 and April 1934 which indicated that there was no response to the offer which was at the time circulated to all Departments of the Government. Here, provided a candidate satisfies the examiners the Government is not disposed to enforce attendance at any school and indeed is of the opinion that for most of such candidates an hour with an individual Chinese teacher is preferable to an hour in a class, however good the methods adopted in the latter case."

Commodity Index

Various Factors Keep Figure High

London, May 3. Commenting on the fact that the United Kingdom staple commodity index is at present 141.8, compared with 135.1 one month ago, the Financial News points out that this is primarily due to the rise of sugar and tin, for which there are several explanations.

The former was affected by crop failures in Europe and India, the disappearance of Czechoslovakia's expected contribution to the free market, and rumours that United Kingdom stocks have to be maintained permanently at 600,000 tons.

The immediate cause of the rise of tin has been the sudden buying by the United States, due to fears that the shipping routes might be disrupted in the event of war, while the underlying cause has been the delayed revival of the United States tinplate industry.

The failure of other commodities to rise above what are mostly depression levels may be explained by three general causes, adds the writer.

First, there is the general check to speculative activity imparted by the financial tension; second, the accumulation of very heavy stocks owing to last year's industrial set-back; and finally, heavier armament demands this year have been fully offset by slackening business in America.

In these various ways, says the writer, sufficient slack has been created, even at existing levels of production, but once this slack has been taken up, there is still an enormous margin of unused capacity to be taken up before any substantial rise can occur.

It would be difficult to base a rather sudden advance in commodities upon any serious or immediate expectation of inflationary trends, says The Times city columnist. There has been so far little sign of any real expansion in speculative activity in the market, and the markets such as would accompany expectations of that kind. The writer adds that tin and sugar are responsible for the recent rise in the index.—Reuter.

APPEAL FOR RENEWAL Expiration of All Pier Leases in 1949

An announcement by His Excellency the Governor on October 13, 1938, that it was not the present intention of the Government to renew existing pier leases, all of which expire on December 31, 1949, was the subject of representations to Government by the Chamber of Commerce according to the Chamber's annual report.

By letter dated October 18, the following representations were received on behalf of interests concerned:

(1) That it is a matter of importance that the development of Harbour should be left in the hands of private enterprise which has been responsible for the growth and organisation of the trade of Hongkong.

That it is essential to the prosperity of Hongkong that Harbour facilities be kept as cheap as possible, and experience elsewhere goes to show that this is most likely to be secured under private enterprise.

(2) That the wharf companies which have, at their own expense, developed the frontiers, should be in a position to look forward to assured possession and control of their own activities and, in the opinion of the members addressing the Chamber, the trade and development of the port would be better served by a decision of the Government to renew existing pier leases at favourable terms when they expire.

In addressing the Government on October 23, the Committee of the Chamber expressed agreement with the above views and submitted that it was essential that at the earliest possible moment, the Government should define its policy in this matter. Attention was invited to the fact that, in the light of the Government to renew pier leases which expire in 1949, no development or improvement can now be undertaken with any assured prospect that it will be of benefit to the owners for more than 10 years.

"I am to say that the Government has shown sympathy with any movement which will increase the number of non-Chinese in the Colony who have a knowledge of the Chinese language and regrets that in this particular respect it is unable to give any practical assistance."

Following representations by the Chamber on December 18, 1933, that the classes for the study of Colloquial Cantonese, conducted by the Rev. H. B. Wells, under the auspices of the Chamber, might be of service to the subordinate officers of the Government, a circular was issued to Government Departments, but no response was received.

Middlesex Leading In Area Sports

The Middlesex Regiment, who lost the championship last year by half a point, were in the lead at the close of the first day's events yesterday of the Hongkong Area Sports Board's annual athletic meeting held at the Polo Ground in Kowloon.

Last year's champions, Hongkong Regiment, Hongkong and Singapore Royal Artillery, are close behind, their chief achievement during the day being the success of their four runners in the three miles team race which gave them first, second, third and sixth place. The winner's time was 14 minutes 44.7 seconds.

The total points gained by each unit during the day were Middlesex Regiment 53 points, H.K.S.R.A. 48, 8th Heavy Battery, R.A. 43, 5th Rajputana Rifles 43, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots 38, 3rd A.A. Regiment 32½, Royal Engineers 20½ Small Units 11.

The sports will be continued to-day when a keen fight will ensue for the championship. Several relay races in which strong competition is expected are on the programme.

Heats, the following teams have qualified for the finals:

440 Yards Relay—5/Heavy Regt., 2/Royal Scots, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles, and H.K.S.R.S.

880 Yards Relay—5/Heavy Regt., 1/Middlesex, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles, and 5/A.A. Regt.

One Mile Relay—1/Middlesex, H.K.S.R.A., 2/Royal Scots, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles.

Two Miles Relay—2/Royal Scots, H.K.S.R.A., 5/Heavy Regt., 5/6 Rajputana Rifles.

Finals, field events, (teams of two): High Jump—1, H.K.S.R.A., 2, 5/Heavy Regt.; 3, 1/Middlesex; 4, Rajputana Rifles. Height: 10 ft. 7 ins.

Long Jump—1, 1/Middlesex; 2, 5/Heavy Regt.; 3, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles; 4, Royal Engineers. Distance: 38 ft. 10 ins.

Shot Put—1, H.K.S.R.A.; 2, 2/Royal Scots; 3, 1/Middlesex; 4, 5/Heavy Regt. Distance: 70 ft. 11 ins.

Discus Throw—1, 1/Middlesex; 2, Royal Engineers; 3, 5/A.A. Regt.; 4, H.K.S.R.A. Distance: 100 ft. 5½ ins.

Javelin Throw—1, 1/Middlesex; 2, 5/Heavy Regt. Distance: 294 ft.

2, 2/Royal Scots; 3, 5/A.A. Regt.; 4, 5/Heavy Regt. Distance: 320 ft.

Hammer Throw—1, 1/Middlesex; 2, 5/Heavy Regt.; 3, 2/Royal Scots; 4, 5/Heavy Regt.

The placing in the three mile team race were—1, H.K.S.R.A.; 2, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles; 3, 5/Heavy Regt.; 4, 1/Middlesex.

ATHLETE COLLAPSES AND DIES

Tragedy attended the Hongkong Area annual sports meeting at the Polo Ground, Boundary Street, yesterday morning. While practising for the discus throw, Bandsman Stemp, of the Middlesex Regiment, suddenly collapsed and died on the field, despite immediate attention.

He was removed to the Whitfield Barracks, and from there to the Bowen Road Hospital. The funeral will take place to-day.

Bandsman Stemp, who was unmarried, was a keen all-round sportsman, and took part in the Hongkong Area boxing tournaments only last week.

Extremely popular in his Regiment, his death is most keenly felt. He was one of their best water-polo players; indeed he was probably the best exponent of the water game the Hongkong Area had had for a long time.

DENOUNCED TREATY Britain To Reply To Germany

LONDON, May 3. MR. CHAMBERLAIN informed the House of Commons to-day that the British Government was now studying the German memorandum concerning termination of the Anglo-German naval treaty.

The Premier stressed that the British Government was unable to see any incompatibility between the British guarantee to Poland and the provisions of the naval agreement. He added that the agreement contains no clause empowering either side to denounce it further.

Mr. Chamberlain further stated that the British Government was not certain whether Herr Hitler desired to open negotiations for a new naval convention.—Trans-Ocean.

Acknowledgment

LONDON, May 3.—British acknowledgment of the German note terminating the Anglo-German naval treaty was sent to Berlin yesterday, and it is expected that the Government's observations will follow shortly.—Reuter.

Scraping Stopped?

LONDON, May 3. Colonel Llewellyn, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, said in the House of Commons that the implications of the denunciation of the Anglo-German naval treaty were being carefully considered, but that no decision had yet been taken whether or not to scrap the two battleships of the Royal Sovereign class in 1942.—British Wireless.

EURASIA ATTACK

To The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph
Sir,—I read with great regret in yesterday's issue of your paper an article which was believed to be from an unimpeachable source saying that the British Ambassador was the target of the Japanese raid on an Eurasia plane on April 13 around the border of French Indo-China.

As your paper reports, the Japanese authorities had been informed of the recent travel of the British Ambassador to Chungking and had taken all possible precautions to avoid any unhappy incident. The movements of the Ambassador and of what precautions they took, it is not allowed nor necessary to disclose here. But one thing that disapproves the truth of your article is the fact that the Ambassador notified Japanese authorities that he was travelling from Hanoi to Kunming by train, not by aeroplane, which is supposed to have materialised.

I want to emphasise that it is very often the newspapers that make the relations between countries bad which otherwise is amicable and in times of emergency like this and in consideration of the special status of Hongkong, I hope you will carry your paper without much prejudice against Japan.

Your correction of the said article or at least the carrying of my denial of the same will be much appreciated.

TAKIO ODA,

Consul for Japan.
Mr. Oda is incorrect in stating that the "Telegraph" ascribed to an unimpeachable source a statement that the British Ambassador was the target of the Japanese raid. The "Telegraph" report stated that it had been learned from what was believed to be an unimpeachable source that the British Ambassador was to have been a passenger but cancelled his booking. The "Telegraph" has already mentioned the fact that Sir Archibald travelled between Hanoi and Kunming by train and quite agrees with Mr. Oda that the route followed by the Ambassador was the

"Mysterious" Fleet Near Japanese Report

TOKYO, May 4. The "Asahi Shimbun" reports that a mysterious fleet comprising submarines and minelayers passed through Suez Canal on April 11 and left Colombo at the end of April en route to the Far East.

According to the paper, the warships, apparently of the Soviet Union, are expected at Singapore in the next few days and will then proceed to Vindivostok—Domet.

It is possible that the "mysterious fleet" may be four Soviet vessels—a destroyer, a submarine and two minelayers—expected at Manila tomorrow from an unknown destination. They may come to Hongkong.

German Fleet Leaves

BERLIN, May 3.—Part of the German fleet which has been carrying out exercises in Spanish waters, left Ceuta in Spanish Morocco on Tuesday.

The units concerned were the battleship Admiral Graf Spee, the destroyer Deiter von Roden, and the sixth and seventh submarine flotilla.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. Warships In Mexico

MEXICO CITY, May 3.—Units of the American fleet, consisting of the cruiser Charleston, the destroyers Tallmadge and Fred Talbot, will visit Vera-cruz on Monday next for a week's stay.

Admiral Wilcox, who is in command of the squadron, will visit the Mexican capital on Tuesday, accompanied by some of his officers. The Mexican Government is planning a number of festivities in honour of the occasion.—Trans-Ocean.

Italian Naval Review

ROME, May 3.—A huge naval review will be held in the Gulf of Naples on May 11 before Prince Paul of Yugoslavia, whose visit to Rome begins on May 9.—Trans-Ocean.

French Warships Leave

GIBRALTAR, May 3.—The French warships which have been stationed at Gibraltar to relieve the British fleet, have taken to sea.

It is authoritatively stated that they are proceeding to manoeuvres, and will afterwards return to Gibraltar.—Trans-Ocean.

Village Wiped Out In Fire

TOKYO, May 4.—Over 110 houses, representing 80 per cent of the entire village were completely destroyed up to 9.30 o'clock last night in a disastrous fire which broke out at Hashigami, in Aomori Prefecture at the northern tip of Japan proper.

All efforts were being made to put the raging flames under control.—Domet.

MILAN, May 3.—More than 2,000 Italians, hitherto domiciled in France, and who have now returned permanently to Italy as a result of action taken by Signor Mussolini, arrived at Turin to-day from Paris in three special trains.—Trans-Ocean.

one notified to the Japanese beforehand.

Not only British officials but the Eurasia Aircraft Corporation and other air companies notify the Japanese authorities of their itineraries. This arrangement, which was instituted last year, at the request of the Japanese, is presumably still carried out. If so, it makes the attack on the Eurasia plane all the more inexcusable and inexplicable, since the Japanese authorities must have been forewarned that a commercial plane would be flying along the route at the time the attack was made.—Ed.

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INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due.
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 29th April	Imperial Airways Plane	May 4.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kwangtung	May 4.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 14th April)		
Australia and Manila	Tanda	May 5.
Java	Tisalak	May 5.
Shanghai	Glenapp	May 6.
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Tientsin and Swatow	Hupoh	May 6.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kiangyung	May 6.
Salon	Pyrhus	May 6.
Straits	Sochow	May 6.
Haliphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Suwa Maru	May 6.
Japan and Shanghai	Yuenang	May 6.
Calcutta and Straits	Anhui	May 7.
Straits	Canton	May 7.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.) London date, 6th April		
Japan	Haruna Maru	May 7.
Japan	Regensburg	May 7.
Japan	Arabis Maru	May 8.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 1st May	Imperial Airways Plane	May 8.
Japan	Tango Maru	May 8.
Japan	Ticraslas	May 8.
Java and Manila	Tisalak	May 8.
Calcutta and Straits	Sirdhana	May 8.
Australia and Manila	Taipei	May 9.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Thursday		
Bangkok	Satpen	Thurs., May 4, 4.30 p.m.
Singapore	Kina	Thurs., May 4, 5.00 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco and (Papers only for Canada)—due San Francisco, 25th May	Pras. Cleveland	Thurs., May 4, K.F.O.
		Parcels, May 4, 4 p.m.
		Reg., May 4, 4 p.m.
		Ord., May 4, 5.30 p.m.
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		Parcels, May 4, 4 p.m.
		Reg., May 4, 5 p.m.
		Ord., May 4, 7 p.m.
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Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 12th May	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., May 4, K.F.O.
		Reg., May 4, 5 p.m.
		Ord., May 4, 5.30 p.m.
		G.F.O.
		Reg., May 4, 5 p.m.
		Ord., May 4, 7 p.m.
		G.F.O.
Fort Bayard	Haidis	Thurs., May 4, 7 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Nellore		Thurs., May 4, 7 p.m.
Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 22nd May		G.P.O. and K.F.O.
		Parcels, May 4, 5 p.m.
		Reg., May 4, 5.30 a.m.
		Ord., May 4, 8.30 a.m.
Friday		
Tientsin	Benader	Fri., May 5, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Yatshing	Fri., May 5, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hunan	Fri., May 5, 12.30 p.m.
Haliphong	Loos	Fri., May 5, 1.00 p.m.
Swatow, Chuanchow and Foochow	Haidis	Fri., May 5, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Sulung	Fri., May 5, 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion and Madagascar	Tegelberg	Fri., May 5, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., May 5, 4.30 p.m.
Madang, Solomons, Tulagi and Rabaul	Fridrun	Fri., May 5, 7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, Air France Plane		Fri., May 5, K.F.O.
and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"		Reg., May 5, 5 p.m.
		Ord., May 5, 5.30 p.m.
		G.F.O.
		Reg., May 5, 5 p.m.
		Ord., May 5, 7 p.m.
		G.F.O.
Papers only for Straits and (Parcels Santha and Papers for Calcutta).		Fri., May 5, 8.30 a.m.
		Parcels, May 5, 8.30 a.m.
		Papers, May 5, 8.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Shanghai	Tanda	Sat., May 6, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K. L. M. Airways Suwa Maru Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 18th May		Sat., May 6, K.F.O.
		Reg., May 6, 1.30 p.m.
		Ord., May 6, 2 p.m.
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Salon, Straits, Ceylon India, East Suwa Maru and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 6th June		Sat., May 6, 1.45 p.m.
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Manila and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Gneissenu	Sat., May 6, 4.30 p.m.
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan	Haruna Maru	Sat., May 6, 5 p.m.
Sunday		
Fort Bayard and Pakhoi	Kwangtung	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Shantung	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Haliphong	Taiyang	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Japan	Yuenang	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Haliphong	Tunni	Mon., May 8, 9.00 a.m.
Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques and (Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban)	Arabia Maru	Sat., May 8, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 15th May	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., May 8, K.F.O.
		Reg., May 8, 5 p.m.
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		Reg., May 8, 5 p.m.
		Ord., May 8, 7 p.m.
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Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 15th May	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., May 8, K.F.O.
		Reg., May 8, 5 p.m.
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		G.F.O.
		Reg., May 8, 5 p.m.
		Ord., May 8, 7 p.m.
		G.F.O.
Tuesday		
Canton	Fathan	Tues., May 9, 7.15 a.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Yunnan	Tues., May 9, 12.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Haliphong	Jean Dupuis	Tues., May 9, 2 p.m.
Chuanchow and Amoy	Kiangyung	Tues., May 9, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Hong Kong, American Samoa, Hawaii, Alaska, and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 17th May		Tues., May 9, K.F.O.
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boleros in every material and every colour. Morning, afternoon and evening they are smart. There are some with rounded corners, others with square lines, still others have round collars so wide that they are almost capes.

FOR the morning one sees many plain-coloured boleros worn over Scotch plaid dresses. They are, of course, very short, so as to reveal the belt of the dress, which mounts very high, well above the waist.

For ample skirts or pleated skirts it is a very appropriate garment, much more becoming, to my way of thinking, than a jacket.

IT was impossible to vary the line of boleros beyond a certain point. Square or round, long or short sleeved, they are always boleros. Therefore, it is in the fabrics, the colours and the trimming that an infinite variety reigns. I like enormously Pique's boleros in navy blue wool lined throughout in white pique. I suspect them, incidentally, of being reversible. This dressmaker has treated several models in this way. Some are lined with printed silk, others with wool in a different colour.

Schlaparelli has several boleros, and most of them have a special line, which gives the impression that there are two of them, one over the other. Molyneux attaches a great importance to boleros.

His are emphasised by a very wide belt in a colour different from that of the dress. Sometimes a very light bolero is worn over a dark dress, as in one model where a taffy pink bolero is worn over a very "dressy" black mink afternoon frock.

OVER the pleated lace dresses which many dressmakers show the long-sleeved bolero is especially suitable, as it serves to make the dress easier to wear.

Everywhere dinner dresses are covered by a bolero, more or less fitted, usually elaborately embroidered or brightened with multi-coloured paillettes. They are all long-sleeved and the dresses under them are deeply décolleté.

THE other evening I saw an elegant woman in a restaurant wearing a dress in dull black crepe whose severity was softened by a bolero in white cloth entirely studded with gold and turquoise.

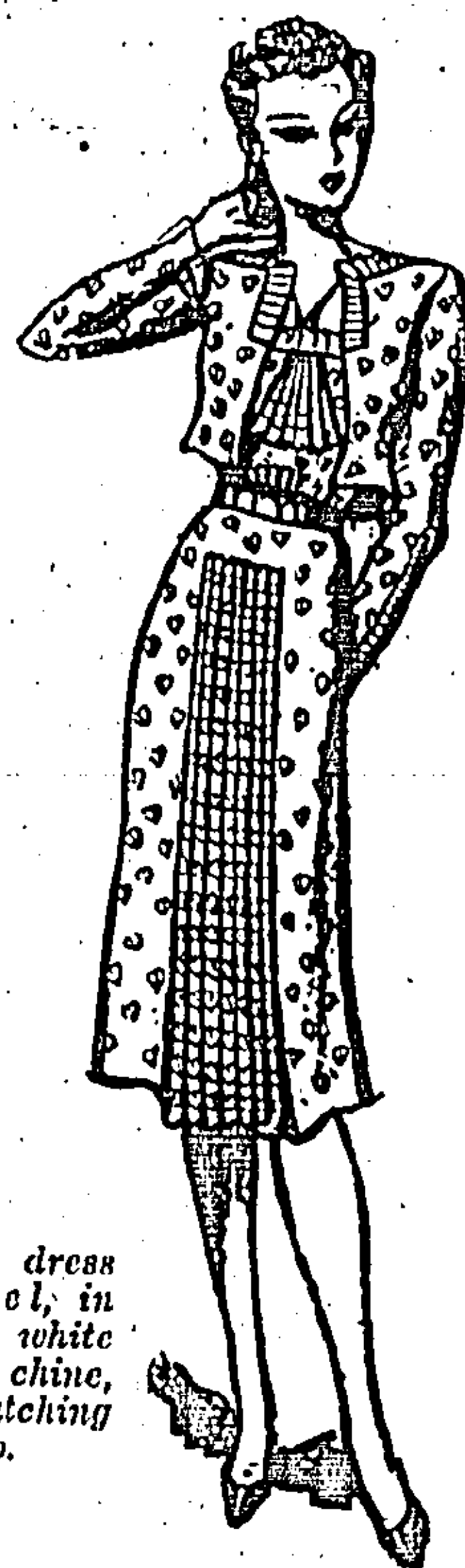
Of course, printed ensembles are numerous. The dressmakers, considerably helped by the fabric manufacturers, who have made really marvellous stuffs this season, have been able to profit by the design of the material, and even its coloured edge, to border the boleros in a charming way.

Thus one often sees a dress printed in blue and white accompanied by a bolero printed in red and white outlined with the stuff of the dress. And if it is not an encrusted band, is the stuff that is specially printed for this purpose.

Fashion insists, as you know, on a waist which this season, and your waist must be slender to wear a bolero with chic.

Furthermore, in my opinion, boleros are for the small or medium-sized woman, for big women, and very tall women, jackets are much more suitable.

It must be admitted, by the way, that just now fashion is made to suit women who are small, thin and very young. Dressmakers seem to have forgotten that there are women who are not all, or none of these.



Afternoon dress by Chanel, in pink and white crepe de chine, with matching bolero.

PARIS. IN Paris we have always liked the youthful line of the bolero. This season there is not one collection in which there are not innumerable

DIETING FOR THE MIND

"MY diet does not allow potatoes, my dear." You hear remarks like this from many people at dinner-time, nowadays. If it is not potatoes it is bread, butter, meat, or some other food.

Dieting has come to be recognised as one of the most useful ways of toning up or healing the body. You can get a diet to put on weight, to reduce weight, to improve your skin, or to cure one of a dozen ailments.

But while perhaps one person in ten tries dieting at meals not one in a thousand dreams of dieting his or her mind. You never hear the remark, "Oh, I'm not allowed to read that," or "My doctor said I mustn't think that." Yet a mental diet can have quite as beneficial effects as a bodily diet, although, perhaps, it is harder to prescribe and certainly much harder to carry out.

The simplest diets generally reduce the quantity of food to be taken. It is said that most of our bodily ills originate in over-eating. Most of our mental ailments probably result from over-indulgence of the emotions.

You can no more afford to allow yourself frequent outbursts of temper than you can allow yourself four huge meals a day. If you get fits of anger that shake you, leaving you exhausted, it is time you went on a diet.

Not only you, but those with whom you have daily contact, will benefit, for there is this difference between mental and bodily dieting, that while choosing your physical sustenance carefully helps no one but yourself, choosing your mental food makes life more pleasant for your friends and relations as well.

Keeping Temper in Control

Decide that you are not going to permit yourself to indulge in excessive emotion and your temper will begin to cure itself. Moreover you will achieve a certain joy in recalling that it is a week, a fortnight, or a month, since you had one of those

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fits of anger that confused your brain, or one of those fits of weeping that shook you like a storm. See the diet through for a month, and you will never be worried by it again.

You will encounter two difficulties. You will make your resolution and then find that when you fail for the first time, it will not be your fault. It will be someone else's fault. Don't let it be. Other people can do no more than decide what you think or feel than they can decide what your actions to certain foods shall be.

The other difficulty is the equivalent of "made up" dishes. People on a vegetarian diet may sometimes eat meat unknowingly in a made up dish. There are similar ways in which the very emotions and thoughts you wish to eliminate may creep into your mental diet.

You may excuse your anger as "righteous indignation," your fits of depression as "feeling facts." The great test is what you do next.

Indignation is only righteous when it is followed up by action. Feeling facts implies action, not throwing in your hand. The excessive emotion you feel while you are waiting at a draughty street corner for a friend who is five minutes late is not "righteous indignation," and gloomy contemplation of the possibility of losing your job is not "feeling facts."

You may lose your job, but your thoughts would be better employed contemplating calmly the steps to be taken to get another one, and incidentally, considering how you can in future improve your usefulness so that your services are not easily dispensed with.

Common Modern Excesses

After excessive indulgence in temper and gloom the commonest

modern excess is probably excessive day-dreaming. This is encouraged by monotonous work in the home or office.

If you find yourself day-dreaming of what you would do if a fortune were left to you, what you would do if you were a great actress, or what you would do if you were not married, and so on, it is time you went on a diet. Over-indulgence spoils the palate, and you will find the same applies to day-dreams.

For a week try deliberately pulling yourself up every time you begin to day-dream. Consider how actually you remove the chances of your waking to find yourself a rich woman on a diet. Over-indulgence spoils the palate, and you will find the same applies to day-dreams.

Control and Reading

How much do you read? A book a day, a book a week? Many people read too much and think too little, and this applies to all kinds of books, fiction and fact. One meal follows on another without a pause. Try a diet in which you leave yourself a day or two between books, time to digest what you have read. If you say that the kind of book you read does not call for thinking, try a different kind of book. The change need not be violent.

If you read nothing but romantic novels, try a biography. If your diet has been one entirely of fiction, try a book of essays for a change. You will probably be surprised to find that they can interest you, and you will certainly return to your staple food with added zest.

People who read purely to pass the time need a diet like this sometimes. The reader of serious books needs the diet as much as the reader of fiction—a little starving gives her

Economies Worth Trying

ODDMENTS of elastic make good tabs for tea cloths and hand towels. These loops will withstand strain better than tape.

When small pieces of soap have accumulated, place in a muslin bag and plunge into hot water. Leave for a few minutes until the soap feels soft, remove from the water and form into a ball. Lay the soap in a bath of cold water until hard when it is ready for use.

Scraps of soap may also be utilised for wash-day if formed into a jelly. Place in an old pan, cover with water and allow to simmer gently until quite dissolved. When cold, a fine jelly will form which keeps indefinitely and which whips into a soft, deep lather.

The waxed paper from loaves makes an excellent polish for linoleum or stained floors. The paper does not absorb polish wastefully like a cloth and each piece should be burnt when soiled.

To Tempt Tired Appetites

AFTER boiling ham in the usual way until almost tender, take it out of the water, press apple parings over the surface thoroughly, paying special attention to any stains. Hang in the open air for two days.

To clean light shoes which have become dark, sponge with warm water containing a little turpentine. When dry, rub the leather with the inside of a banana skin, then polish in the usual way.

To remove rainspots from velvet or any heavy material, steam with boiling water and shake till dry. Gold and silver dance slippers which have tarnished may regain their earlier brilliance if rubbed over with a little methylated spirit which contains a few drops of ammonia.

When silks and crepes look limp and crushed after washing, add a good handful of sugar or borax to their rinsing water. Iron while damp over thin muslin.

Grooming For Garments

SOILED suede gloves should be cleaned with suede powder mixed to a paste with turpentine. Rub into the leather and brush off. To simplify treating the fingers, place the handle of a wooden spoon in each before cleaning.

When washing chambray gloves, use almost cold, soapy water to which has been added two teaspoonfuls of glycerine or olive oil. Squeeze through the suds and hang up in a cool place, without rinsing. This treatment keeps wash leather soft and pliable indefinitely.

Light furs will be made fresh and clean if laid in a deep box and generous handfuls of calcined magnesite well rubbed in. Leave overnight and next day shake and brush the furs well.

When suede coats look soiled, rub them over with a piece of gum arabic, obtainable from all chemists. The pile can be raised where necessary with a fine wire brush.

Felt and velvet hats usually show grease marks in spring sunshine. Dip a clean rag in benzine and go over the surface thoroughly, paying special attention to any stains. Hang in the open air for two days.

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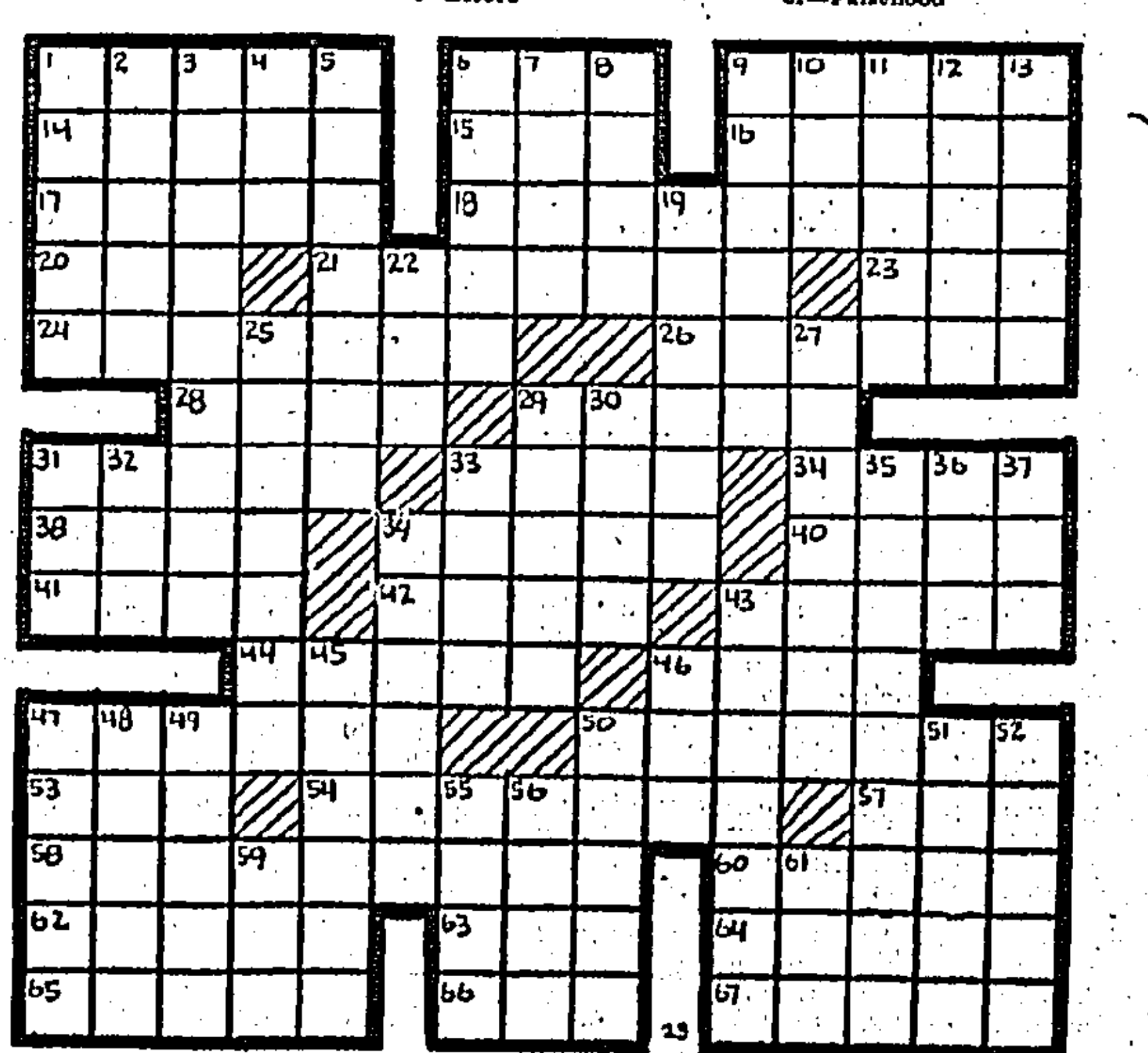
ACROSS

1—Anxiety
2—Dunlop
3—Pointed
4—Wide-awake
5—Cutting tool
6—Thick soup
7—Patience
8—Former European
9—Coco
10—One who corrects
11—Penny
12—Small breed of dog
13—300 milligram unit
14—Obtain
15—Not fresh
16—Exposed to view
17—Earth's satellite
18—Vine the size of junction
19—Guide from striking
20—Set of three
21—Pestle
22—Lard (Philippines)
23—Distributed
24—Pore unit
25—Piney school
26—Embroider
27—Lick
28—Purser
29—Source of milk
30—Makel impression on
31—Crust
32—Fruit

DOWN

1—Hawthorn turtle
2—Girl's name
3—Diced again
4—Deform

5—Narrow passages of water
6—Many unskilled
7—Means of burden
8—Adapt once more
9—Of Europe
10—Fanciful invader
11—Scene of action
12—Adapt once more
13—Adorning creature
14—Penny
15—Combines form; middle
16—Circ
17—Those who repose
18—Pertaining to sun
19—Involvement
20—Vine from
21—Vegetable
22—Wine out
23—Disturb
24—Penny
25—Penny
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These two ladies are wearing silk prints for tea in the afternoon. The bold design in white on black, left, of one contrasts with the tiny floral pattern of the other. In rose-pink and green. A brilliant green wool coat and a pink straw hat with black-tipped wings are worn with it.



This bolero frock is in tulle and navy dotted silk crepe, the lighter colour used for bodice and kerchief.

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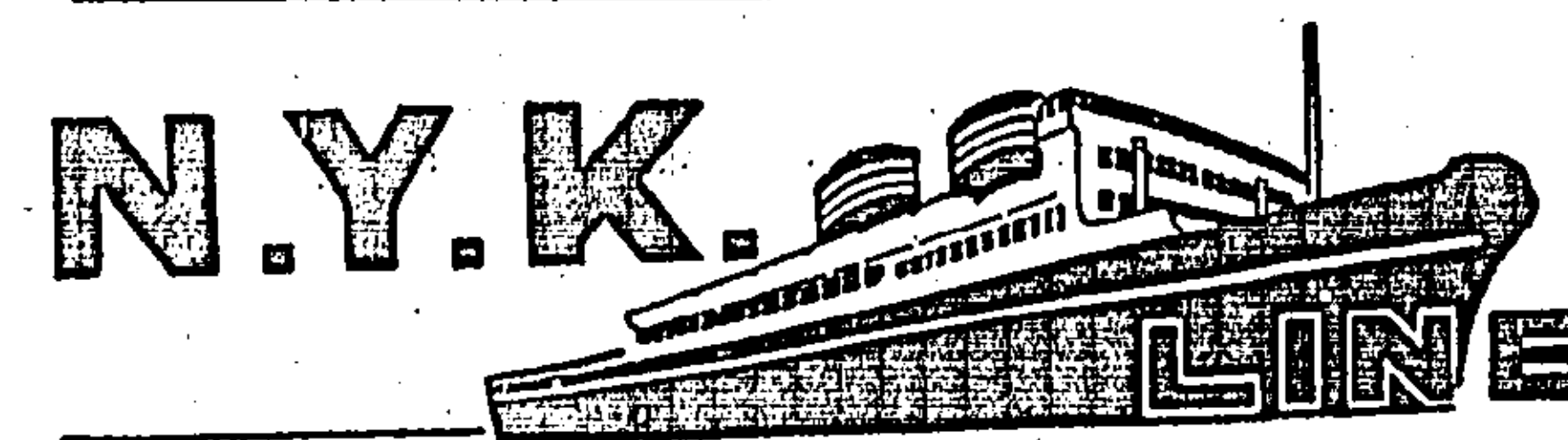
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PHOTO NEWS



IN A DOORWAY OF BUCKINGHAM PALACE: A new portrait of King George with Princess Elizabeth, who celebrated her thirteenth birthday on April 21, and Princess Margaret, who is now over eight and a half years old. On left—The two Princesses are seen posing by themselves and on right they are seated together at a piano.

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CAMERON TARTAN SKIRTS WITH KHAKE TUNICS AND CAPS constitute the new uniform of the Inverness branch of the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service, and here we see Mrs. Fraser-Tyler, of Alderlie Castle, and Lady Maud Baillie, the Commandant, wearing these smart outfits.



"WE'VE GOT TO BE PREPARED" runs the boldly displayed poster outside London's Royal Exchange. It is one of a number—all of giant dimensions—that have been put up in the metropolis to aid the big drive for National Service recruits. Recruiting has been stimulated still further by the recent disturbing character of international news.

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Possession Claim

Landlord Wants Shops For Re-building

A claim for possession was heard by Mr. Justice Lindsell in the Summary Court yesterday when Woo Chi-tuen claimed possession of 188, Laichuk Road, Shamshuipo, ground floor, from the Fung Kai Koo firm, which rented the premises at \$40 a month on a monthly tenancy.

Mr. C. d'Almada was for plaintiff, and Mr. J. M. Hall represented Fung Kai, proprietor of defendant firm. Mr. Hall pointed out that one of his witnesses had to be subpoenaed because plaintiff had attempted to persuade him not to give evidence.

Mr. d'Almada remarked that if Mr. Hall hoped to prejudice the mind of the Court by raising the point at this juncture he was rather optimistic. What Mr. Hall should have done, he said, was to make the suggestion when the witness entered the witness-box.

Mr. Justice Lindsell said he would make a note of it, at the same time pointing out to Mr. Hall that as he was relying on the Evidential Ordinance the onus was on him to prove his case.

Mr. Hall agreed and said that he was not disputing the notice to quit. His defence was that before his client rented the premises in January, 1935, he entered into an agreement with the then owner, Leung Yau, whereby the front portion of the place was to be used for the purpose of his business as a clock and watch repairer, and the rear portion as a dwelling for his family. That arrangement was recorded in the first rent receipt issued by Leung.

The premises were comparatively new, having been built in 1924, and his client would say that there was no occasion for plaintiff to have them reconstructed. Defendant would also say that he had made many efforts to find alternative accommodation, but without success.

Question of Hardship. "I wish," continued Mr. Hall, "to ask your Lordship to adjudge who will suffer greater hardship—the landlord or the tenant. I submit that the landlord does not suffer greater hardship than the tenant because he has counted the chickens before they were hatched—before he actually knew he could obtain possession he entered into building contracts for the reconstruction of the premises. Plaintiff would plead greater hardship as a result of this, but I submit that since he has counted the chickens before they were hatched by entering into building contracts before he obtained possession, any loss he may sustain, if your Lordship refuse the order, is entirely his own fault which he could easily have avoided."

Fung Kai gave evidence of the arrangement he made with the defendant owner and added that the building was strong and safe and needed no reconstruction.

After the notice to quit, he paid his rent to plaintiff's agent, Kwong Sung-sheng who accepted it and told him that if he wanted to remain in possession he would have to pay a higher rent.

Cross-examined, defendant denied that the arrangement mentioned in the rent receipt was recorded by himself. Following receipt of the notice to quit, he saw plaintiff who at first demanded an increase of rent

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to \$35 but eventually reduced it to \$50. Defendant agreed to pay this amount but plaintiff refused to give a written proof of his acceptance and the matter ended there.

Mr. d'Almada: I put it to you that you agreed to take over the premises after reconstruction at \$60 a month and that was why plaintiff went on with the reconstruction?—I did not promise that, but I told him I would not quit until I found alternative accommodation. I have looked everywhere but cannot find any.

In answer to his Lordship, defendant said he had a family of nine. He made the arrangement with the previous owner about the sub-division of the premises as a shop and a dwelling because he was afraid the owner might think he would sub-let to other people.

"I have seen thousands and thousands of rent receipts but I have never seen one like yours," commented His Lordship.

Leung Yau, the previous owner, corroborated defendant's evidence as to the arrangement that the front portion of the premises was to be used as a shop and the rear portion as a dwelling. This arrangement was recorded by him in the rent receipt at the request of the defendant.

Witness said that he did not know plaintiff, but someone did go to his house, while he was absent, and request his family to tell him not to give evidence.

Questioned by Mr. d'Almada, witness said he sold the premises to the plaintiff through an agent. Shortly after the sale he went with the defendant to see plaintiff for the purpose of asking him to re-let the premises to defendant after reconstruction.

Hearing was adjourned to May 25.



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MOMBASA. Agitation over the recent Order in Council, by which Indian subjects of Britain are still excluded from settling in the Highlands of Kenya, is increasing following the protest to the Government of India.

Propaganda is being prepared and pamphlets printed in many languages. German Ammunition.—An ammunition dump has been discovered in the Rufiji Delta in Tanganyika. It is stated that the arms were buried by the Germans at the end of the fighting there during the Great War, and it is believed that many similar dumps exist in Tanganyika, the whereabouts of which are known only to the Germans.

Czech in Mombasa.—One result of the German occupation of Czechoslovakia has been that many Czechs living in Mombasa have become German citizens. Although they have repeatedly attempted to gain British nationality, this has never been granted.

AUSTRALIA

WOMEN'S SERVICE IN WAR-TIME

The Minister for Defence, Brig. A. G. Street, states that, under the voluntary national register of women for service in time of war, there will be councils in each State for the registration of women in classes, according to age and qualifications.

The service that women will be called upon to undertake will include the provision of supplies for combatants, organisation of hostels, rest homes, reading rooms and coffee stalls, entertainment, car driving, air raid precautions, censorship and interpreters' work.

SOUTH AFRICA

MANY FACTORIES TO MANUFACTURE ARMS

CAPE TOWN. Arrangements have been completed for the manufacture in bulk of both field artillery and ammunition by factories in South Africa. The factories will be situated mainly on the Rand.

The various component parts will be turned out by different factories, and the assembling done by the Union Department of Defence.

Aid for British Cars.—The tale of British cars in South Africa will be greatly encouraged by a new system of rated duties, which, it is understood, will be introduced shortly.

LATE NEWS

Only 12 Men Know How It Is Done

A GREAT experiment which is likely to guarantee for Britain complete petrol and oil supplies for her Air Force, Navy, and mechanised Army without the need for oil from abroad is now nearing a successful completion.

Government experts who have watched the experiment from its earliest stages are satisfied that the new process is practicable. Only 12 men know the secret.

They have checked every stage of the experiment, and so satisfied are they that, on behalf of the Government, they have obtained an agreement for first rights in the invention.

Up till now the closest secrecy has been maintained. All that is known is that the works where the experiment has taken place are in North England—but not at Billingham-on-Tees, where existing oil-from-coal plants are located.

It is known, too, that the new process is radically different from any now in operation. It is stated that low-grade coal—from a commercial point of view practically unusable—will become valuable as the raw material of new oil.

The first oil to be produced by the new process was a heavy grade suitable for Diesel engines (used in tanks and submarines). Then a fuel oil suitable for burning

Toledo To Enlarge Zoo

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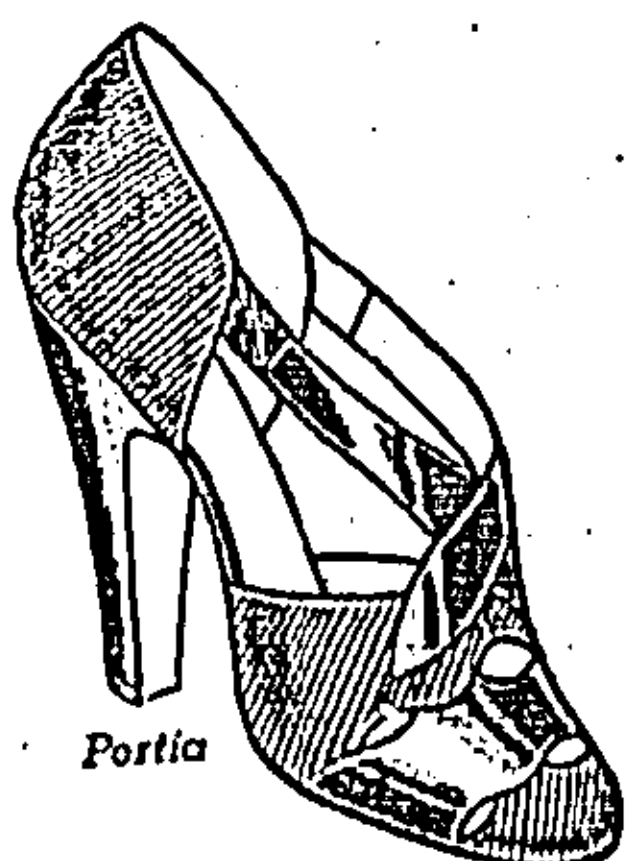
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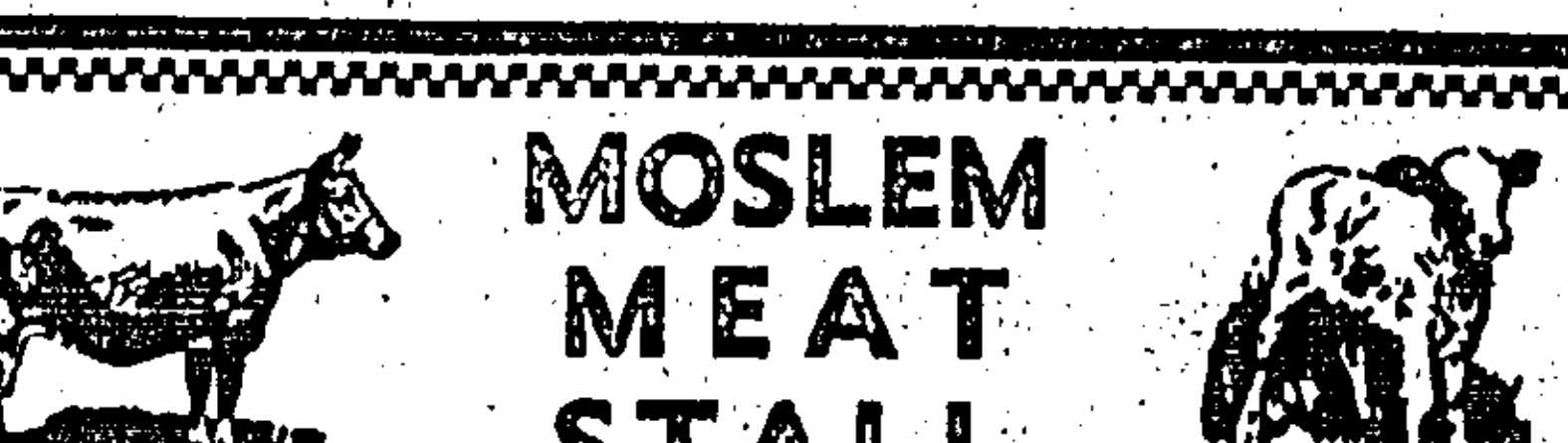
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